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Andover withdrawal: For SAD 44, "There's a lot at stake here."

By ALISON ALOISIO

"This is going to have a fiscal impact on SAD 44 ... There's a lot at stake here. This requires my careful attention, David's, and a very thoughtful approach to do what's fair for the taxpayers of the district who you represent, and as importantly, the students who you represent and whose education you care about."

SAD 44 legal counsel Bill Stockmeyer of Drummond Woodsun did not attach dollar amounts Monday in an hour-long presentation to the School Board about Andover's school withdrawal agreement proposal.

But he made it clear that he believes significant changes should be made to the plan to minimize a negative financial and ed-

ucational effect on the district should Andover vote to leave.

"My reaction is that this agreement is quite favorable to Andover," Stockmeyer said. "That's to be expected."

The proposal, prepared by the Andover Withdrawal Committee, provides a detailed plan under which the town would establish its own independent school unit, educate elementary students at the Andover Elementary School, and tuition older students out of town to SAD 44 and possibly other school units. (For highlights of the proposed agreement; see last week's Citizen.)

Although the terms of the agreement will be subject to negotiation be-

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Hall that hosted opera singer, Nobel winner to get new life?

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen Monday decided to take a fresh look at restoring the upstairs of the Cole Block (Odeon Hall), possibly by establishing a capital reserve fund to put money aside annually for improvements.

Chairman and historian Stan Howe made the case for the effort, citing recent work done on the building and the 1891 structure's historical value.

"We're putting money into the building all the time," he said, noting that last year a new wood boiler was installed and the roof replaced. "I think we're committed now."

About a decade ago a committee prepared a de-

tailed plan for bringing Odeon Hall into ADA compliance so it could be used again, but the effort stalled for lack of funding.

Howe took selectmen on a trip down memory lane, describing how the hall had been the center of activity in days gone by.

"It was the center of Bethel's cultural and social life," he said. "Anybody who was anybody came up there. Geraldine Ferrar, the great Metropolitan opera star, sang up there one time. Jane Adams, who won the Nobel Peace Prize, gave a lecture up there. It's a marvelous space."

Howe said if improved, the hall could be used "for

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Viruses are getting a grip in SAD 44

By ALISON ALOISIO

In the past few days the number of students in SAD 44 out of school because of illness has jumped, according to SAD 44 Nurse Chris Cole.

Last week she said there were a few students and teachers with flu-like symptoms, but there were not a lot of absences.

But on Tuesday, said Cole, "Things have changed in the past two days. I now have 15 percent of Woodstock school students absent with flu like illnesses. I feel we are now starting to see the effects in our schools."

She said she is required to notify the Maine Center for Disease Control if 15 percent or more of a school's population is absent.

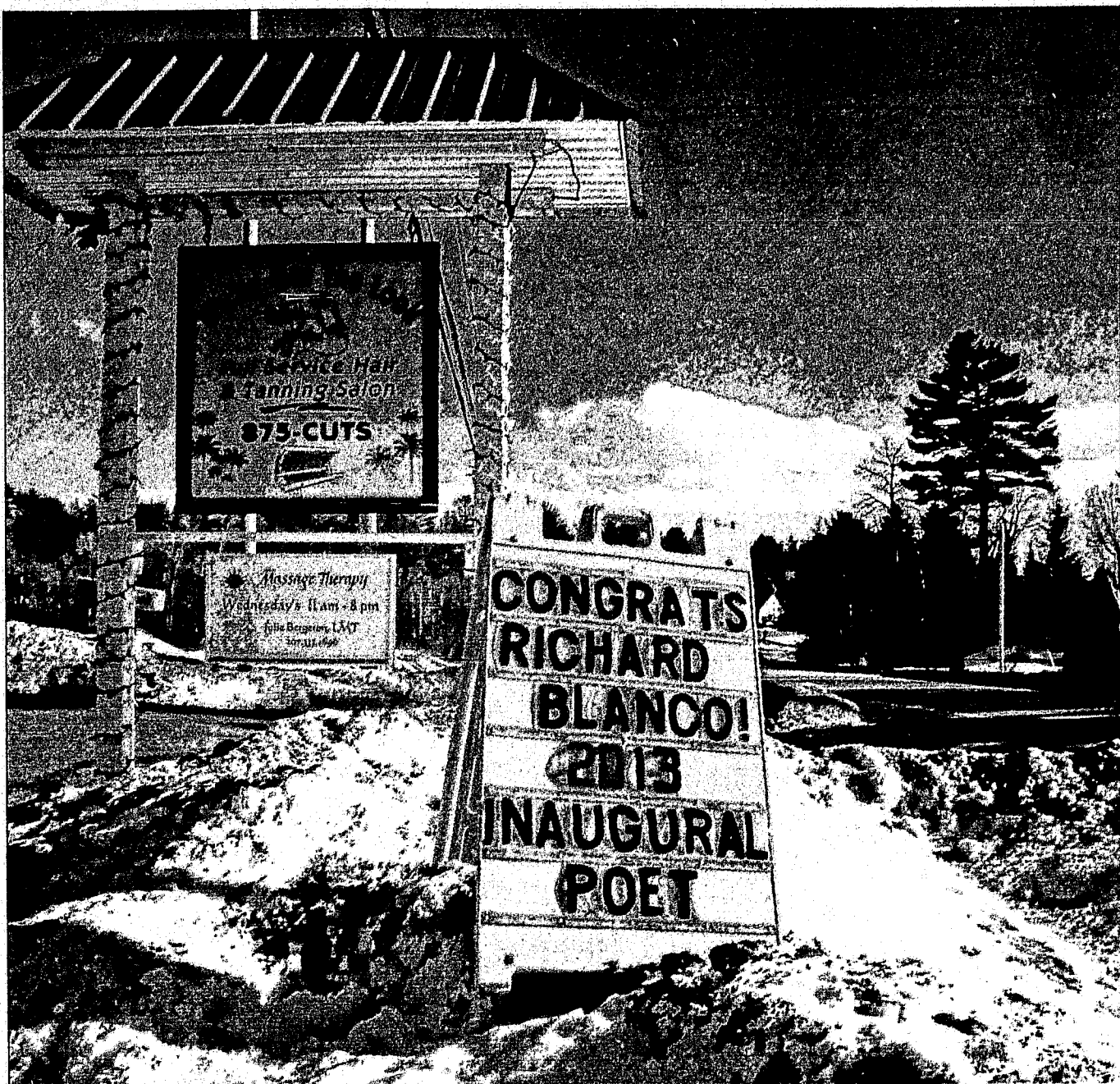
The flu has been making headlines state and nationwide in the past couple of weeks.

SAD 44 held a flu vaccination clinic for students in early November.

Cole also said a gastrointestinal virus has been circulating since students returned from their holiday vacation break.

She said the gastrointestinal virus typically lasts 24 to 48 hours. "Influenza presents with fever, body aches, chills, chest discomfort - and people are down and out for 5-7 days," she said.

"My message: If you are sick, stay home from work or school until you are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing agents such as Tylenol. Wash your hands or use a waterless hand cleaner frequently. Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth and cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Dispose of the tissue properly. Remember - It is not too late to get the flu vaccine."



PROUD OF OUR POET-After hearing that Richard Blanco of Bethel had been selected as inaugural poet for President Barack Obama's second inauguration, Holly Roberts put out this sign at her hair salon on Route 26 in Bethel. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Residents react to inaugural poet among them

By ALISON ALOISIO

"Who even knew that Richard Blanco was a poet?" said Bonnie Poolley of Bethel. "I knew him as a Planning Board member and an engineer. Then, suddenly, he was a poet chosen by Barack Obama to read at the 2013 Presidential Inauguration. Like many, I'm guessing, I went immediately to the Internet to see what poems I could find by him. Having read several of his poems, I am hooked."

"I hope that we who live in Bethel can be proud of his sudden fame while respecting his privacy, which must be partly why he chose our town to live in and to do his work."

In a few days Blanco will stand on the steps at the U.S. Capitol and read

a poem he wrote especially for the second inauguration ceremony of President Obama.

Blanco was selected for the honor in mid-December by the president's Inaugural Committee, which made the announcement last Wednesday.

The poet has been asked to refrain from press interviews for now.

In a press release from the committee, Blanco was quoted as saying, "I'm beside myself, bestowed with this great honor, brimming over with excitement, awe, and gratitude. In many ways, this is the very 'stuff' of the American Dream, which underlies so much of my work and my life's story—America's story, really. I am thrilled by the thought of coming together during

this great occasion to celebrate our country and its people through the power of poetry."

Blanco moved to Bethel with his partner in 2009.

Although Blanco is not yet available for interviews, local residents were happy to share their reactions on hearing of his choice.

He is a client of Bethel hair stylist Holly Roberts, who said he had been to her "We've Got the Look" salon a number of times before she realized he was a serious poet. She now has a copy of one of his books at the salon, and she's been reading poems from it aloud to clients.

"Five of my clients bought it online last week," she said. "I think his poetry is different - people can relate to it."

Other people have had similar reactions to his work.

"I was lucky enough at a get-together at Richard's home here in Bethel, to have the opportunity to hear him read a handful of his writings," Tony Andrews of Bethel wrote by e-mail. "I prepared myself to deal with the awkwardness of reacting positively to something that I was sure I probably would not appreciate, but as luck would have it, there was no need to fake a response."

"As cliché as it sounds, he took us through the full spectrum of emotional responses in about a five-minute span."

Jewel Clark of Bethel said she also met Blanco at a gathering a few months

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Background on poet Richard Blanco

A press release from the Inaugural Committee provided this information on Richard Blanco:

Born in Spain to Cuban exiles, Blanco's parents emigrated to New York City days after his birth and eventually settled in Miami.

Blanco began his career as a consultant engineer. Writing about abstract concepts and preparing arguments on behalf of

his clients helped Blanco think about the "engineering" of language, and he left his job in 1999 for the creative writing faculty at Central Connecticut State University until 2001.

Thereafter he served as instructor at various universities throughout the country, including American and Georgetown universities, all the while maintaining his career in consulting engineer.

Blanco's career as an English-language Latino poet gained momentum when his first collection, "City of a Hundred Fires," won the Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize from the University of Pittsburgh. Blanco's second book of poetry, "Directions to The Beach of the Dead," won the PEN American Center Beyond Margins Award. His third collection, "Looking

for The Gulf Motel," was published in 2012.

As a writer, Blanco explores the collective American experience of cultural negotiation through the lens of family and love, particularly his mother's life shaped by exile, his relationship with his father, and the passing of a generation of relatives.

His work also explores the intersection of his cultural identities as a Cuban-American gay man.

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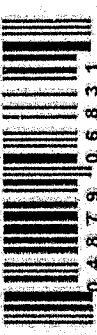
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Letters

ANOTHER DOG PARK IDEA

To the Editor:

The creation of the dog park in the proposed site will put an undue burden on the current uses. Many people use the multi-use trail for exercise, children riding on tricycles, mothers pushing young children in strollers, etc. Not all people are dog people.

An alternative area currently owned by Mahoosuc Land Trust should be considered for the site of the dog park (corner of Route 26 and Intervale Road). It is a considerable amount of land available for the establishment of a parking area and dog park. It has a gravel walking trail; fewer walkers, and would not interfere with the existing snowmobile trails. The MLT has been acquiring parcels of land to be kept from development and used for public good. The land was conserved for future public use and the Land Trust can provide the needed oversight (sparing the Bethel taxpayers any burden and liability).

Planning Board members and Selectmen should take into consideration the following:

-No town monies should be used to establish, maintain or make improvements to the proposed park.

-Prior to the park's creation that monies be raised for the dismantling of the park should the committee not be able to maintain the park or park rules.

-That the pet owner be responsible for any cost if the town's animal control officer becomes involved.

-That the pet owner will be individually responsible for any costs if a member of the general public is injured.

-Failure to maintain will result in its closure.

Joe Hollowell
Bethel

BUDGETING IN AMERICA

To the Editor:

In 1943 I was 10 years old when the great-depression period of recovery was underway. The U.S. Constitution was a mature and revered document with 21 amendments. World War II was on the mind of all Americans and rationing for gasoline and food goods was a national reality. My Dad earned a fair wage working at the Boston Navy Yard as a Ship fitter - building warships. Labor Unions were more useful. Hiring women to do many of the jobs that our men in the armed services had previously performed supplemented the American workforce.

My Mom managed the household and the budget. Purchasing War Bonds ranked high in the budgeting process. She used a Budget Book, which had separate folders for each item: Groceries, Electric, Heat, Rent, Life Insurance, Education, Healthcare, Gifts, and War Bonds. Weekly, Mom would distribute our family earnings (after taxes) into the various folders. Monthly, she would pay the bills out of those folders. Cash payments were the norm and all bills had to be paid on time. Creditors expected timely payments. One could say that we had a "balanced budget" requirement.

What happened to common sense and the time-tested need to work efficiently for income and budget the income and expenses within all able-bodied families.

Voters in America must expect our citizens to act upon work opportunities for income, to care for the truly needy, expect fewer questionable entitlements and ensure balanced budgets at home and in government.

Len Greaney
Rumford Center

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

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When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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2013 WINTERFEST

To the Editor:

February will be here before we know it and, the 2013 Bethel WinterFest will be too! Presented by Norway Savings Bank and Sunday River Resort - and organized by the Town of Bethel and the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce WinterFest Task Force - everyone can look forward to enjoying wholesome and fun winter activities for the entire family!

New this year is a snowman building contest. The planning committee is hoping to have residents of and visitors to our area collectively build more than 2,500 snowmen - take photos - and upload them to the Chamber's Facebook page. That address is www.facebook.com/bethelarea - or as an alternative, e-mail the photo(s) to info@bethelmaine.com. The winning snowman builder will receive a \$100 cash prize and the runner up will receive a gift card to Nabos on Main Street, Bethel. The announcement will be made at the finale event, RailWars on Feb. 23.

For the second year running - our WinterFest Kick-off party will be on Thursday, Feb. 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 at 22 Broad Street at Gideon Hastings House on Broad Street in Bethel. Everyone is welcomed! The "snow" part of the festival officially begins on Saturday, Feb. 9, with our Snowcano Sledding Hill. Come bring your sled, and plan to have a blast sledding till your heart's content! There are also events going on at Carter's XC Ski Center in Bethel that first weekend as well as on Valentine's Day.

For the second year in a row, we will enjoy our Snowcano eruption (a big bonfire) on Saturday, the 16th. If you weren't at the event last year and don't know what to expect - be prepared to enjoy a spectacular show! Mt. Abram is offering a Torch-light parade on that Sunday, the 17th.

The third full week of WinterFest is also school vacation week - so there will be events ongoing at all our winter recreation centers as well throughout the region. The final Saturday of the WinterFest we will offer a Snowshoe event compliments of True North Adventureware, free SnowGroomer rides compliments of the Greenstock Snowmobile Club and, the annual WinterFest Railjam, known this year as "RailWars." This event will take place on the Snowcano and sign-up, at \$20 per person, will be at the course starting at 4 p.m., warm-ups start at 5, and competition starts at 6 under the lights. What a great new venue for this popular event! Additional events that weekend are being held at Mt. Abram Resort, Sunday River Resort and at Carter's XC Center. There may be more events being added to the schedule so check www.bethelwinterfest.com for the latest.

Many thanks to the Town of Bethel for their help with WinterFest - and to committee members Amanda Moran, Joyce Roma, Jim Sysko, Jim Bennett, Nate Clukey, and chamber staff member Jessie Perkins. Already, we have received help from Bancroft Contracting, Savage Contracting, ProQuip Equipment Rentals and the Town of Bethel's highway department who are bringing town snow to the site to build the base of the sledding hill.

Have fun at WinterFest.

Robin Zinchuk

Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

STAN HOWE'S RETIREMENT

To the Editor:

The occasion of Stan Howe's retirement has rightfully prompted many tributes for his remarkable contributions to Bethel and beyond. It is no surprise that Stan's talent, skills, enthusiasm and knowledge as a historian have earned him special recognition locally and nationally. His love and active support of our community has positively affected all of us through the holding of public offices, the Maine Grange and, my goodness! the list goes on.

All that aside, what has meant and continues to mean the most about Stan to me is his genuine sense of and ability to be a good and caring friend. Not lost to our village as a whole but to me over the years.

Being a true friend, always there for me, always kind, non-judgmental, encouraging and with a sense of humor. That characteristic of Stan's has touched all that in everything he does and who he is.

I treasure his friendship to me. Sunny, of course, agrees too.

I truly mean all of this but a hope lurks I my heart that this public form of acknowledgement to my good friend will help in keeping the gingerbread coming - did I mention that that man can cook?

Lynn Mason Courtney
Bethel

RETIREMENT THANKS

To the Editor:

Thank you, Alison, for your insightful article on my retirement from the staff of the Bethel Historical Society. I thought you did a "yeowomanly" job of covering much "territory" and lots of time in limited space.

For a person who attended the American Historical Association annual meeting in the early 1970s and found that nationally there was about one college history teaching position for every hundred historians, I still managed to stay in history and enjoy a most interesting career. I did get one offer to teach in a Maine college in 1973, but would be preparing four courses a semester and required to have my Ph. D. dissertation completed by the end of the academic year. It sounded like too much to take on with considerable uncertainty, so I turned down the invitation. Of course I wondered for a time if I had made the right choice, but now, after all these years, I am certain I did. As your article stated, the job sought me, I never applied. Granted one seldom got rich monetarily in this field, but the rewards of working with so many wonderful people and experiencing the thrill of seeing countless younger faces light up as they developed a passion for the historical process cannot be valued high enough!

I expect to be involved as a volunteer at Bethel Historical Society for the foreseeable future. And once more, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all those people who made my years at the Society such a memorable and rewarding experience. It has been an outstanding privilege to serve the cause of history in so many ways and with so many "kindred spirits."

Stan Howe
Bethel

Celladore

'How do you like the climate?'

On the rare occasions that B.B. was ill, I hustled about with much energy doing the furnace and barn chores, tending him, and wondering if most of the time I wasted my life in lethargy. One such time the weather was benign, a warm mid-January. Care-free, I scurried about with my one semi-invalid, three wood fires to tend, four horses in the barn to feed, five kerosene lamps to fill, and I almost heard a partridge singing in a pear tree. B.B. was ensconced in a big chair by the fireplace browsing through historical novels we had received for Christmas. Any spare moments that I had were spent poking in history books, reading about the War of the Roses. Detailed answers about Richard of York's claim to the throne B.B. waited impatiently to hear. We had some encyclopedias published in the eighteen-seventies which we enjoyed as there was not so much as knowledge in the world then; longer accounts. But even these did not completely explain the tangle of all of Edward the Third's children's marriages and murders. I did not feel that it should be expected of me to know all this or that it proved me illiterate because I did not have all the information on the tip of my tongue. So I fled down the road for the mail, not knowing that a postman's holiday had been declared. Coming back, the snow had completely obliterated my tracks. It was hard walking and I stopped and quoted Robert Frost's poem.

It started raining in the night. When I tended the furnace in the morning, water had started creeping into the cellar. All forenoon I watched, hoping it would stop coming in, berating myself that I had not learned to run the pump, though only once before had the water come into the cellar. It continued to rain, the water rose. B.B. must be told. He dragged himself from his shawls and had at it. Weather stripping had to be taken off the cellar window to get it open to run the hose out. At least the pump started on the first try; we had plenty of gasoline on hand. It took two hours to remove six inches of water - it ran in fast - then B.B. went back to his chair. He repeated the process in the evening, not daring to wait till morning. Such bad news of flooding about came in on the radio that our difficulty seemed slight.

Next day the rain stopped, blessed sunshine, B.B. was better, pumping seemed less onerous. I crawled down over the road which had glare ice in the shady spots and puddles in the ditches to get two days' newspapers and to borrow a book for Pat about Warwick. The Hudson ménage all fine, they had had high winds, only minor trouble, her parents delayed on their return trip to New York. I inched home careful, no time to sprain an ankle. One more pumping, then could relax and read. Another pleasant day but warning of another storm on the way, B.B. to town to lay in more provisions. I hoped this one would be snow; shoveling is easy compared to coping with water in the cellar. At least if this weather continues, we will be experts on England in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries.

These extremes of weather do not come often. The time we spend coping is not wasted. We have tools to work with, physical and spiritual self-reliance is developed, we are not completely dependent upon the services of others. Snow, wind, ice, rain, sunshine, heat, cold are not idle chatter, but multi-dimensional words. Yes, we like the climate.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Telstar middle and high school snow sports teams had an overall membership of almost 100.

D. A. Wilson was awarded the contract to build the Telstar track.

Deaths: Dale G. Kimball, Stanley "Peanut" Gallant, John Julius Kubach, Constance T. Wass, Sandra L. Spencer.

20 years ago: A new sign with the Crescent Park School logo was unveiled at the January PTA meeting.

Volunteers from the Maine Conservation Corp built facilities and constructed a 1.5 mile loop trail at the Maine Conservation School.

Deaths: Florence E. Beck, Leonard J. Richards, Herbert L. Enman, Herman C. Cole.

30 years ago: A weekend storm left a foot or more of snow in the Bethel area.

Bonnie Louise Angevine was appointed a full-time mail carrier for the rural route previously held by Harris Hathaway. She was the first female to hold that position in the history of the Bryant Pond Post Office.

Birth: Chelsea Diana Boyd.

Deaths: Frank Nary, Mrs. Alma L. Downs, Elizabeth Rosenberg.

40 years ago: Irving York was critically injured when he collided head-on with a train at the Ferry Road Crossing in West Bethel.

A portrait of the late Ethel Bisbee by Douglas Bane was officially presented to S.A.D. 44.

Deaths: Mrs. Phyllis M. Morgan, Ralph H. Berry, Stanley E. Davis, Mrs. Eva E. Morrill, Mrs. Lillian P. Young.

50 years ago: Dunn's Market opened Jan. 17, in the store formerly occupied by Shaw's Market at the corner of Main and Church streets.

Conditions at Sunday River were listed as good to excellent with a 2-inch packed powder surface on an 8 to 12 inch base.

Births: Scott Gregory Young, Ryan Paul Howe.

Death: William Vandenkerckhoven.

60 years ago: The Bethel Players were rehearsing for a presentation of "It Happened One Night."

The Ekco Foundation contributed \$250 toward the purchase of an organ for the Locke Mills Church.

Birth: Timothy Eugene Farrar, Roderick Mark Auger.

Deaths: Charles C. Chase, Andrew A. Barlow, Cleveland W. Bell, Charles C. Hutchins.

70 years ago: The Bethel branch of the Red Cross was making kit-bags for the men in the service.

Lt. Sidney Dyke was stationed as test pilot at the air depot, Rome, N.Y.

Deaths: Fred A. Bailey, Maurice F. Tyler, Mrs. Sarah Maxfield, Percy C. Ripley.

80 years ago: Paul C. Thurston was named as a member of the Maine delegation to attend the inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, president.

The girls' varsity basketball team of Gould Academy defeated the Gould Alumnae team 38-31.

Deaths: Nahum Scribner, Eshburn T. Judkins, Mrs. Nancy Holbrook.

90 years ago: The Oxford County Citizen plant was disabled by a bad fire. Loss was heavy on the Cole Block. Publication of the paper was held up two weeks.

100 years ago: Deaths: Mrs. Carrie H. Jewett, Eugene S. Bean.

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ago when, "fortunately for me and other guests that evening, he was persuaded to read a few of his poems.

"Having almost no true understanding of poetry throughout my life, I was both surprised and delighted that in those moments it didn't matter because I simply 'got it'!

Afterward, she said, "I even found myself attempting to recite phrases from memory to those I felt would appreciate them. I've found Richard to not only be wonderfully creative, but also humble,

gracious, devoted to his public service positions here in Bethel, and perhaps my personal favorite, hilarious."

Rosemary McLean of Bethel said she saw the announcement about Blanco in the New York Times. "One of our neighbors reading an original work at the inaugural ceremony. Wow! This served as a reminder of the rich talent and varied experiences of so many who live in the Bethel community," she said.

Kirk Siegel of Bethel had a similar sentiment.

"I was surprised by the announcement, because I only knew of Richard as a Planning Board member, but now see he has been published in all kinds of literary journals," he said. "It's a great reminder that the American small town continues to be a vital part of our culture."

Pok Sun Lane of Bethel emphasized Blanco's affection for his adopted town.

"He really cares about people, and he really loves this town," she said.

For more on Blanco, see his website at <http://richard-blanco.com>.



Richard Blanco

(Photo: Nico Tucci, <http://richard-blanco.com>)

Excerpt from "Thicker Than Country"

A Cuban like me living in Maine? Well, what the hell, Mark loves his native snow and I don't mind it, really. I love icicles, even though I still decorate the house with seashells and starfish. Sometimes I want to raise chickens and pigs, wonder if I could grow even a small mango tree in my three-season porch. But mostly, I'm happy with hemlocks and birches towering over the house, their shadows like sundials, the cool breeze blowing even in the summer. ...

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Odeon

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everything from town meeting to plays to musicals," as well as for the town's polling place during elections.

"That would be wonderful," said Town Clerk Christen Mason.

Howe also suggested the space could be rented out for functions, such as weddings.

Town Manager Jim Doar said there is currently no heat on the second floor. But, he said, "The wood pellet boiler could be sized to heat it. But it's not energy-efficient at all. It would need new windows."

The town would also have to provide access to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The overall project, speculated Selectman Peter Southam, might cost around \$1 million.

Howe suggested the town consider appropriating about \$25,000 to hire a consultant to evaluate the cost of improvements.

The board agreed to put out a public appeal for interested people to offer ideas on a possible project.

Howe left the group with one more anecdote.

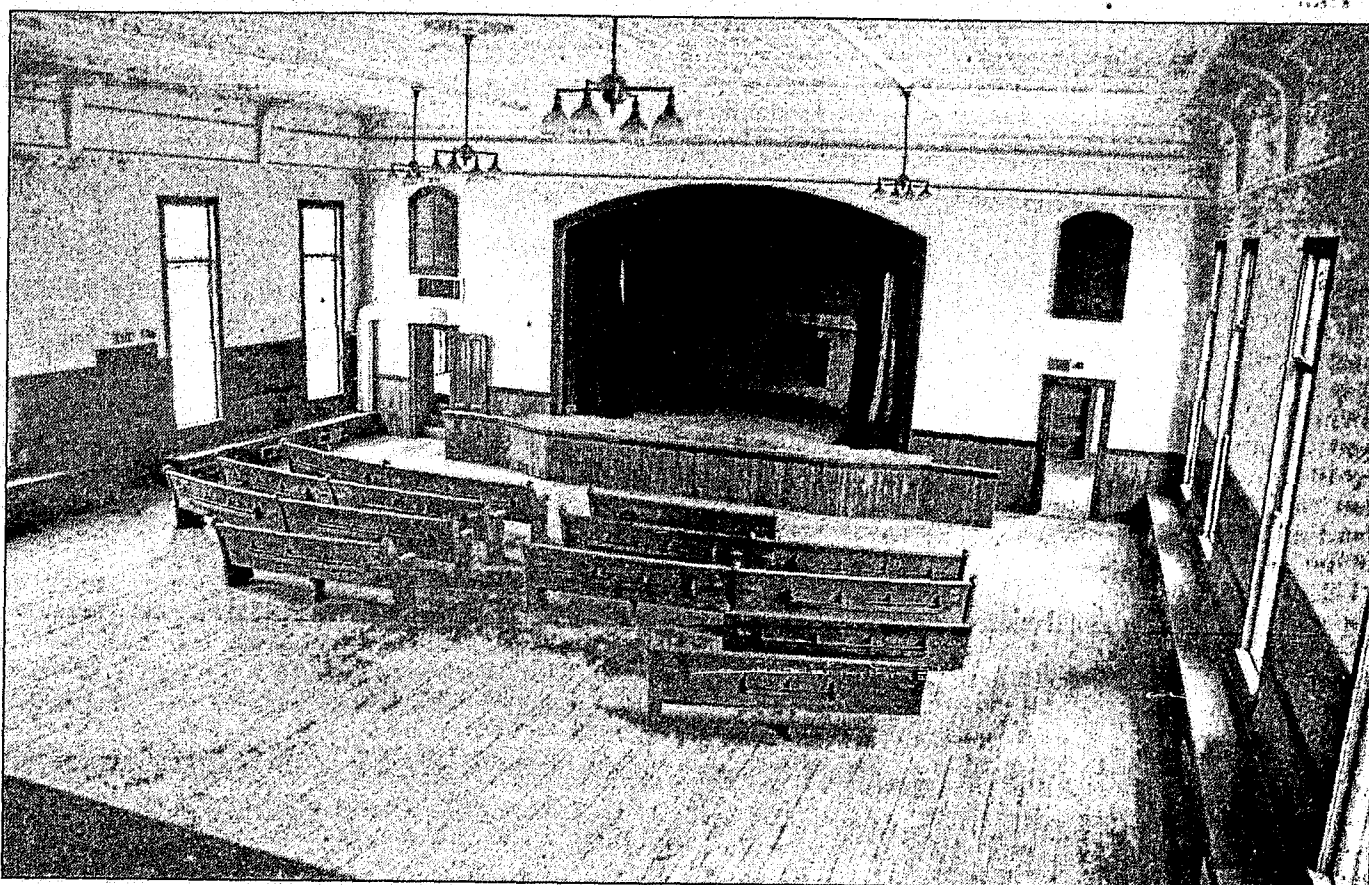
"I remember Margaret Joy Tibbetts, who lived across the street, said she held her breath during the Depression because a man, like a human fly, went up the outside of the building with just his hands and feet."

In other business Monday, the board set a special selectmen's meeting for Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. in order to approve a warrant for a special town meeting Jan. 29.

The town meeting will consider an ordinance change to establish the Bingham Forest Authority to oversee the 2,300-acre parcel acquired from the Bethel Water District.

Selectman Peter Southam asked about Bethel possibly considering a resolution opposing a potential reversal of flow on the Portland-Montreal oil pipeline to allow the transport of tar sands oil.

The board agreed a group currently interested in the issue should bring it to the annual town meeting.



Odeon Hall, in the upstairs of the 1891 Cole Block. About 10 years ago, a committee created a plan to upgrade the hall, but funding was not available. The Bethel Town Office is downstairs. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

(Note: Cole Block photo on Page 1 courtesy Bethel Historical Society)

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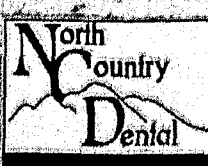
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Andover

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LIKE A DIVORCE DECREE?—At Monday's School Board meeting, Bethel Director Tim Carter, right, asks attorney Bill Stockmeyer (left, with glasses) a question about Andover's proposed withdrawal agreement. Later, Woodstock Director Marcel Polak, referring to a state-required process several years ago that could have resulted in a merger with the Rangeley school system, said, "Before we were involved, because of consolidation, in a shotgun wedding. Now it appears we're involved in a divorce." At far left is Andover Director Tim Akers.

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tween the two parties later, Stockmeyer said a decision was made to start with a public presentation "and let Andover and the public know where we are coming from."

His first point of concern regarding the Andover plan was the timeline set for withdrawal. Andover has proposed a vote this spring with an effective withdrawal date of July 1 of this year, should the required two-thirds majority of town voters approve the final plan.

He said he believes the timeframe is too short to accommodate the SAD 44 budget cycle and to ensure a fair agreement that does not compromise the district's interests.

SAD 44 can't propose its annual school budget for voters — usually voted upon at a district-wide meeting in late May — until school directors know whether to budget for An-

dover as in or out of the district, he said.

Stockmeyer also said the Maine Department of Education, which oversees and must approve the withdrawal plan, told him a town in that situation realistically should have a referendum in November in order to have time to get its own steps done, including electing a school committee, hiring a superintendent and setting a budget, in time for the following July 1.

Stockmeyer said a better timeline would be to set the agreement to take effect July 1, 2014.

"I expect this is going to generate a lot of heat," he said.

But, he said, the district should ask Andover to set "milestone" dates for steps to be completed, and show how the process can be accomplished on the timeline the town has laid out.

"In any case, it needs to

allow time for us to have our budget referendum, starting in May," he said. "It's not so much our goal to have [Andover] stay an extra year, we just don't think it can be done."

If Andover presented its plan with such milestones to DOE, he said, "I don't think the DOE will approve it." He said he believes the DOE would want a town school committee elected before hiring a superintendent and crafting a budget.

The current plan would allow the withdrawal committee to temporarily serve in such capacities.

"I could be wrong on [the DOE response]," said Stockmeyer. "The department hedges in telling people what they can and can't do."

But, he said, it is in the district's interest to have time for a budget vote, "and Number 2, that we not all be wasting our time on something that's not achievable."

"I don't expect Andover to agree with that," he said, but as a compromise he suggested SAD 44 tell the town, "you put in dates that show we have time to do our budget validation referendum."

As for the particulars of the proposed agreement itself, Stockmeyer found

it wanting in several areas, which he addressed in a memorandum and outlined to the board.

"The purpose of this agreement should not reflect Andover's purposes only," he said in the memorandum. "It should include as a stated purpose the continuation of educational programming and services for SAD 44 students, and minimize cost increases to SAD 44 taxpayers that the withdrawal agreement will cause."

Among his specific points:

1. The plan should provide for a 10-year exclusive tuition arrangement (other than for standard exceptions) with SAD 44 for Andover's Grade 6-12 students, rather than allowing students to elect to enroll, as proposed in the agreement. "Otherwise you run the risk that you're going to lose significant funding," said Stockmeyer. He also said the law requires Andover to have a "failsafe" contract with a district for 10 years to ensure its students have somewhere to go. In addition, he said the plan should determine a tuition rate that will minimize costs to taxpayers, and consider a debt service factor (if an addition might later be built at Tel-

star, for example, where Andover students would attend).

2. SAD 44 should not agree to pay special education costs for Andover students enrolled in SAD 44, as proposed. Stockmeyer said that is unfair, and he also cited the example of the cost of a potential out-of-district student placement, estimated at \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year.

3. Andover seeks to escape school building debt even for Telstar, where its students attend. Andover should pay a share of this debt. The district's four outstanding construction loans include Crescent Park Elementary School (approximately \$263,000, the Nov. 2013 payment having been made; scheduled to be paid off in FY'14); Telstar water/sewer (\$400,944); to be paid off in FY'21; Telstar track/auditorium (\$852,661; to be paid off in FY'26); Telstar energy/air quality project (approved by the district this year for \$1.3 million with a 20-year bond, but Andover did not vote for the project). "These are obligations incurred on everybody's watch," said Stockmeyer.

4. If SAD 44 shares its fund balances with Andover, as proposed, the split should be based on Andover's percentage of local taxes (6.04 percent) and not the 10.07 percent proposed. Andover should not be permitted to "bulk up" the fund balance with amounts expended on the

current energy efficiency project at Telstar, which its students attend.

5. SAD 44 should determine the buses it needs; excess buses can be transferred to Andover. Andover paid only 6.04 percent of local costs but has requested 14.3 percent (four buses) from the fleet.

6. SAD 44 should not "split" some employees with Andover and be required to keep them on the district payroll. The new Andover unit should hire its own.

7. The agreement should not have a termination date, as proposed, of 2026. "It's like a divorce decree. It's like a business dissolution agreement. It is what it is," said Stockmeyer.

He also said in his background comments that Andover would be at a financial disadvantage under state school subsidy guidelines. "For state subsidy purposes, in the current year Andover is counted as having 12.46 percent of the SAD 44 students," he wrote. "Andover pays 6.04 percent of the local tax burden of SAD 44. The difference is based on the SAD's cost sharing formula, which is based upon property valuation, an advantage Andover will lose if it votes to withdraw."

He also said the town would have fewer of its school staffing costs qualify for state funding than it would as a SAD 44 member.

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Andover

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After Monday's presentation the School Board voted to authorize the district's legal counsel, in consultation with Supt. Dave Murphy, to negotiate on the board's behalf the withdrawal agreement with Andover Withdrawal Committee, sub-trick's legal counsel, in consultation with Supt. Dave Murphy, to negotiate on the board's behalf the withdrawal agreement with Andover Withdrawal Committee, subject to approval by the full board. Directors also voted to authorize Chair Lainey Cross to appoint a withdrawal committee of the board to monitor and guide the counsel and Murphy on negotiations. Stockmeyer will next write a counterproposal for Murphy and the board committee to review before sending it to the Andover committee.

Several members of the Andover committee attended the meeting, but did not speak.

Asbestos; state aid

In other business at Monday's School Board meeting, directors approved bids from two companies for asbestos abatement at Telstar, as part of the energy/air quality project. Bios Environments will do the actual abatement for \$42,793 (additional costs to be by the hour), while Environmental Safety and Hygiene Associates will monitor the project for approximately \$33,000.

Murphy also said that an application to the state for a \$900,000 loan to possibly fund a new renewable al-

ternative-energy boiler at Telstar had been approved instead for up to \$372,619. He said all applications submitted in the state had been funded at 42 percent each. The Facilities Committee will make a recommendation to the board.

Murphy also updated the board on budget-related happenings at the state level that could affect SAD 44 funding. A curtailment order by the governor for the current budget totals under \$80,000, and non-essential spending has been frozen. "I'm confident we can make it through the year. We may have to tap the contingency fund," he said.

The biennial state budget proposes flat funding for education, as well as the sharing by districts in teacher retirement funding. Murphy said if another budget proposal - to suspend municipal revenue sharing - becomes reality, it could indirectly affect SAD 44 by squeezing town budgets.

Murphy also told the board that last Friday damage was done to the upstairs sprinkler system at Telstar High School that resulted in water running through the hallway and down the stairs. The Bethel Fire Department responded and helped district staff in dealing with it. An investigation into the cause is underway, Murphy said.

In a scheduling update, Murphy said the school calendar may be adjusted in March to accommodate staff attending a workshop in RSU 10.

Andover responds to presentation

On Wednesday morning Susan Merrow, chairman of the Andover Board of Selectmen and a member of the Andover Withdrawal Committee, was asked for a response to Monday's SAD 44 withdrawal presentation.

"It has been made clear to Andover taxpayers that our contribution to SAD 44 is so small in recent years, that the loss of Andover should not be a burden to SAD 44, but a relief," said Merrow. "So we are unclear why stalling appeared to be the board's primary tactic for addressing the serious concerns that impact Andover children and the future of our community."

"I hope they will reconsider this strategy. The SAD 44 legal counsel did not make the board aware that the statute sets a 90 day period for negotiations."

"While the majority of towns do get extensions, it sets a guideline for SAD 44 board members to know that this process is not expected to drag out. The data points were in line with our expectations, so we are waiting to negotiate."

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



The Bethel Library has just received 100 new children's books

from the Brownstone Book Fund, a private foundation in New York City. The library is one of forty-five Maine libraries that received grants of 100 books each. The grants were announced in October, but Hurricane Sandy delayed shipping of the books for several months.

Congratulations to Richard Blanco for being named the 2013 Inaugural Poet by Barack Obama. Blanco is an award-

winning poet who lives in Bethel. He is the nation's fifth Inaugural Poet. John Kennedy began the practice in 1960 when he selected Robert Frost as the first Inaugural Poet. Bill Clinton and Barack Obama continued the tradition. Blanco will recite his poem written for the event on Monday, Jan. 21, during the public inaugural ceremony. You can read and listen to Blanco's poetry at his website www.richardblanco.com.

Look for other Mainers at the inaugural events. Forty-one members of the Gym Dandies, a Scarborough-based children's circus arts group, will ride 6-foot tall unicycles in the inaugural parade on Jan.

21. Members of the circus group perform other circus arts, including juggling and stilt walking. Since 1981 more than 3,500 children have participated in the group, which is one of the largest continually operating children's circus arts troupes in the country.

There will be a Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Eddie Gammon, Sr., on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the American Legion Hall on the Gore Road in Greenwood. The doors will open at 3 p.m. Dinner will be served from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The dinner is \$8; children 6 and under are free. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a Dollar Table. For more information call Jeff and Alisha Walker at 880-5909 or 875-5501.

If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

An auction was conducted and she was able to pick up a few items that were inexpensive.

Lise McLain visited her dad, Gerard Dupont, at Ledgeview on Jan. 12, and after some coaxing was able to discover that he received a Christmas package from his daughter, Diane Bean, from Baker City, Oregon. Lise, also, received a Christmas package from her sister, Diane Bean, which contained some homemade soaps, a homemade maroon sweater and beret made by Diane, herb teas, and homemade jam.

Mary Tyler had a visit last week from relatives from New Hampshire, Adam, Jess and Olivia Bell.

Town Office

Another reminder that dog licenses are due in January and a late fee of \$25 will be applied after Jan. 31. Several people have already paid. Since I am working on the end of the year bookwork for the town, I just finished the Town Clerk's report and there were seventy dogs licensed last year in Gilead. There were fifty-three spayed/neutered and only seventeen that were not.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Woodstock, Greenwood, and Bethel Senior Citizens are invited to participate in exercise sessions to be held at the Whitman Memorial Library at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29, and Feb. 5. Stretching and balance, plus some strength exercises are included. The class will be led by Nancy Willard. All seniors are welcome. Bring a friend.

Franklin Grange 124 met on Saturday, Jan. 5, at the home of Alice Hoyt.

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Jan. 8

At 7:49 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman responded to Cross Street in Bethel for a report of a burglary.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

At 2:05 a.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to the Sunday River Road in Newry for a report of a disorderly, intoxicated subject.

Thursday, Jan. 10

At 9:48 a.m. on the Sunday River Road in Bethel Cpl. Chancey Libby charged a subject with possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

At 10:25 a.m. on the Sunday River Road in Bethel Cpl. Chancey Libby summonsed a subject for a usable amount of marijuana.

At 10:42 a.m. on the Sunday River Road in Bethel Deputy Dani Welch summonsed David Ikitskiy of Rhode Island for possession of Schedule W drugs.

At 2:03 p.m. on the Sunday River Road in Bethel Cpl. Chancey Libby summonsed a subject for having a usable amount of marijuana.

Saturday, Jan. 12

At 1:42 a.m. a driver struck another vehicle on the East Bethel Road in Bethel. The other vehicle left the scene. No injuries but reportable damage. Deputy Nathan Bowie responded.

At 11:18 a.m. a subject reported someone had broken their car window while parked on Broad Street in Bethel. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo responded.

At 8:25 p.m. on Evergreen Road in Bethel Deputy Sullivan Rizzo and Cpl. George Cayer moved along a subject in a pickup truck using someone's Internet access.

Sunday, Jan. 13

At 12:02 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Vernon Street in Bethel for a report that goats were walking in the road. The owner was contacted, and the animals were already back home.

Monday, Jan. 14

At 3:55 p.m. a caller on Railroad Street in Bethel reported harassing phone calls. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo was assigned.

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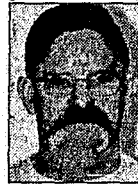
A new member was voted in. Communications were read. Hall insurance was discussed. Under new business, Laura suggested as a community service project, money from a fund raiser be given to the Honor Roll project. Sharon suggested a Chowder Fest during February Vacation with different chowders, soups, chop-suey, desserts and drinks, rolls, etc. More on this later. A potluck lunch was held after the meeting. Next meeting is Feb. 2.

There will be a benefit spaghetti dinner for Eddie Gammon Sr. on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the American Legion Hall in Locke's Mills. Doors open at 3 p.m., serving from 4 to 6:30 p.m. \$8 per plate. Children 6 and under are free. Donations appreciated. A dollar table and a 50/50 raffle. For more information contact Jeff and Alisha Walker at (207) 890-5909 or (207) 875-5501. Quote from Jeff and Alisha, "Even if you don't know Eddie, come join us."

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting. Annual business meeting is on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies Aid Association met after breakfast Sunday. They had a productive meeting, planning and scheduling

their events for the year. The Ladies will have their weekly meetings Sundays, after breakfast 11 a.m. until further notice.

The State Line Snowmobile Club is scheduled to meet Saturday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

The Upton Planning Board will have its first meeting of 2013 Friday, Jan. 25.

Once again, it is time to let the snow dance begin. Please help, no talent required.

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Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



This part of Maine has had some notoriety of recent. First, Mt. Abram was written

up by the New York Times as part of a large article they ran on Maine alpine skiing. They focused on Mt. Abram's "car-load special" on Fridays. \$75 for a car load of folks and all need to be belted in place. You cannot arrive in a bus, but if you have a seven-person sport utility vehicle, that is some deal. Second, Bethel resident Richard Blanco was selected to compose and read an original poem at President Obama's inauguration Jan. 21.

Wow. Congratulations, Richard! Local poetry fans are hoping you might give a local poetry reading sometime. Of course, we understand that the

President of the United States gets first dibs.

Our new store is planning to open Jan. 29. The Local Hub owners, formerly the Round Pond Corner Store and before that Bob's Corner, say they will be opening that date, ready or not. Check them out on their Facebook page (The Local Hub). Even better, stop in on the 29th, let them know how glad we are to have them here, and make a purchase.

January thaw took a bite out of our snow cover like it does every year. Back to the deep freeze. Mother Nature, please send us some more snow.

Ice fishing season began the first of the month, and there has been a scattering of folks on the ponds trying their luck recently. The usual catches are yellow perch, pickerel, and a couple folks have their favorite spot to get brook trout.

Last week I asked an ice fisherman on Twitchell Pond how thick the ice was, and he said close to a foot where he had augered a hole. It did not mean that thickness applied to the rest of the pond or any other pond. Neighboring South Pond had a patch of open water as recently as two weeks ago.

The Army Corps of Engineers Cold Regions Research Lab in New Hampshire has good information to help judge ice safety. Here is a brief summary for everyone who uses the ice-covered ponds.

1) New ice is generally much stronger than old ice.

Ice from direct freezing of lake water will be stronger than ice formed from snow melt, refrozen ice or ice made by water bubbling up through cracks and freezing on the surface.

2) Ice rarely freezes or thaws at an equal and uniform rate across a body of water. It can be a foot thick in one spot and only an inch thick a few feet away.

3) A layer of snow insulates ice, slowing down the ice forming process. In addition, the weight of snow can reduce the amount of additional weight the ice can bear.

4) Ice near shore is weaker, not stronger, than ice farther out.

5) River ice is roughly 15 percent weaker than ice on lakes, and straight, smooth flowing stretches are safer than river bends.

6) Ice can weaken because of water level fluctuations and the actions of birds and fish. As an example, schools of carp create thin ice spots or even open water by congregating in one location while circulating the water with their fins. (Who would have thought?)

You can send me news at 3taichi6@gmail.com

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



A great celebration took place on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013. Kaylynn Glover-

Worcester turned 12 that day. A cake and ice cream party took place at her father's house with grandparents, aunts, uncles and sisters followed

by another party at her mother's home.

Your support and thoughts for Wilma Rector are requested. She has been having critical treatments that are themselves difficult to go through. We hope the treatments are successful. Irv and Barbara Robinson have returned to Rocky Retreat at Howard Pond.

The Department of Transportation worked much of one day scooping snowbanks away from roads and intersections. They found the snowbanks were tough to work on. Because of earlier wet snowstorms they froze solid when colder weather came. After last week's warmer weather the situation improved.

A wooden woodpecker has been attached to Donna and Clem's house. It is holding a block of suet and hopefully it will spend the winter feeding other birds.

Children should be mindful of the dangers of sliding or skiing from driveways into roads and highways. Drivers need to be aware that children may show up unexpectedly.

Be watching, also, for children who might be on ice at ponds, brooks and rivers. Every day we hear that the ice is not safe to go out on.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



This will just be a quick column. I am running out of time. This has

been a pleasant week of warm weather. The mud

was spring warm and the ice was rare on the roads. That is good.

ACA will meet this Thursday, the 17th as long as it does not snow. FMI please call 739-9115.

Monday, the 21st, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day as well as President Obama's inauguration day. That makes it a double holiday.

Monday, the 21st, is also the third Thursday and the Knit and Chat group meets at Waterford Library from 2-4 p.m. FMI please call 583-2050.

Look for the Snowcano next month (Feb. 9) in Bethel. Bring your own sleds. That is assuming we get more snow!

Thursday, the 17th is the third Thursday and the day Waterford has its Community Supper at the Wilkins House.

That is all for this week. Must go! Have a great week.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



The January Thaw we have been experiencing sure felt good, huh? I wish it could stay this way for the rest of the Winter, yet that is mere wishful thinking.

Aline Dupont started her Spring semester on January 14th at the University of Me. in Augusta to complete her RN degree.

This is a slow week for news again so, I decided to entertain you with some fun facts. Did you know that 11% of people are left handed, August has the highest percentage of births, the average person

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Alder River Grange #145 held a regular meeting on Jan. 11 at Stan Howe's home. There was a delicious noodle and chicken supper before the meeting. Two applications to join the Grange were offered and were approved. We welcome Janet and Nick Bartlett to Alder River Grange.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 8 with a 6 p.m. supper and the meeting at 7 p.m. at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street. Sister Lynn will make baked potato soup.

Have a great week.

Democrats to meet

The Oxford County Democratic Committee will hold its organizational meeting for the 2013-2014 cycle on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013 at 4 p.m. in the Cafeteria at the Crescent Park School on Crescent Lane in Bethel. The election of officers will be held with the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary elected for 2-year terms, as well as the Chair's Designee to the Democratic State Committee.

Other items on the agenda will include a report on the Redistricting Commission by Cathy Newell, the Democratic public member on the Commission, updates from legislators, and plans for the Thank You event for 2012 campaign volunteers to be held in February, for the Statehouse Field Trip and for upcoming meetings

and speakers during the spring.

Those attending are asked to bring non-perishable items for food pantries as part of the Day of Service sponsored by President and Mrs. Obama.

Questions regarding the meeting may be addressed to County Democratic Chair Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Club met Jan. 9 at the Methodist Church for their potluck dinner and auction with 31 members present. President Caroline Gould conducted the meeting, led the salute to the flag, led in singing "God Bless America" and offered a prayer.

Reports were given by Musa Brown and Arlene Lowell.

The auction raised \$193 for the club. Becky Keen was the auctioneer with Fran Head as her helper.

Winners of the silver savers jars were: Ruth Hazelton, Gloria Snyder and Arlene Lowell.

Nancy Willard will lead an exercise program at the Woodstock Library for anyone interested.

The reading program at CPS was discussed and there will be an orientation program for volunteers Jan. 14 at 10 a.m.

The next meeting will be Feb. 13 at the Funky Red Barn. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. Members have a choice of roast beef or had-dock. Price is \$12. Reservations must be made before Jan. 31 by calling Caroline Gould at 824-3226 or Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice.

Cards were signed by members for ill members and also a sympathy card was sent to a member.

Happy Birthday was sung to those having a birthday in January: Becky Keen, Florence Merrill, William Thurston, Florence Morgan, Willma Wilson and Dorothy York.

First annual Cause for Laughter

Make plans to pause for a Cause for Laughter. Three accomplished comics will join together for a hilarious night of entertainment while helping two young children with mounting medical bills. A live auction with several items up for grabs, many raffle items and a 50/50 drawing will round out the evening. The over 21 event, scheduled for Feb. 9 at 7 p.m., will be hosted by the Mt. Abram Ski Resort. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for viewing of the auction and raffle items.

Local resident Kate Carroll, Bethel's reigning Last Comic Standing champion, will be the headline act. She is also the founder of the event. Also known as Kate the Great, the guest service rep at Barker Lodge, she promises you tears and laughter as she delivers her not-so-innocent act. Joining Kate will be Jordan Handren Seavey, the winner of Portland's Funniest Professional Comic, and Mike Metevier.

A \$20 admission ticket to the event will also include a \$20 voucher toward a lift ticket to Mt. Abram. Up for auction is a Sunday River First Tracks package consisting of two day passes, first tracks, and breakfast with Brent Larson, Mountain Manager of Sunday River. Also on the auction block are: a private three-hour ski lesson with Matt Erickson, two nights at any Omni Hotel in North America, a gas grill, and 25 pounds of Maine lobster. There will also be many raffle items to be drawn at the event. Tickets are available at Rooster's Road House Restaurant in Bethel, at the Mt. Abram Ski Lodge and from event committee members.

Stage Coach Shuttle will be providing service to and from Mt. Abram from the Sunday River/Bethel area for the evening for \$10 round trip. For more information please call (207) 357-5783.

The Tucker and Ava Fund was established to help two children that have been in Kate's life

since they were born. Colleen, the late grandmother of these two children, was a close lifetime friend of Kate's. Kate's final promise to Colleen was to be there for her daughters and their children if they ever needed anything.

Tucker and Ava, both young children diagnosed with autism, need to travel extensively for services, but Tucker has other major medical problems as well. Tucker has a rare mitochondrial disease which can only be treated in Boston. This disease has caused many problems for Tucker, some of which include life threatening digestive issues, holes in his heart, liver and kidney failure, and autism. His most recent symptom to battle has been toxic anemia; requiring surgery and regular infusions at Maine Children's Cancer Program, treatment is expected to be lifelong.

You can learn more about these children and their difficult journey through life by clicking at the following address: www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLVsVd7BPAs&feature=youtu.be

For more information please contact: Kate Carroll (207) 824-2145 or Sue Dunn (207) 838-9808.

BANC's network facilitator

The Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative (BANC) is very pleased to announce that Amy Scott of Greenwood has been hired as its Network Facilitator.

Amy replaces Jessie Seymour Perkins who joined the staff of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

Amy's responsibilities include securing funding to ensure BANC's sustainability, facilitating and formalizing BANC's strategic planning, identifying potential collaborative ventures, enhancing communication among BANC

members, and engaging the public in BANC's activities.

As the Founder and Coordinator for the Local Food Connection and Boondocks Buying Club, Amy has served on BANC's Administrative Team and brings a personal vision and commitment to the Bethel nonprofit community. Amy also brings a wealth of experience to BANC as its lead staff person, including facilitating meetings and strategic planning processes for nonprofits as an associate with Good Group Decisions in Brunswick, writing grants and coordinating community-based fundraising for the Mahosuc Land Trust, and working with nonprofits, community leaders and educators on behalf of the Northern Forest Center.

Steve Wight, Chair of BANC's Administrative Team, stated that "Amy's depth of experience, leadership skills, track record of success and knowledge of the community are exactly what BANC needs to take it to the next level and build on the success that we have already achieved."

Amy lives in Greenwood with her husband, Ryder, and their three children.

BANC is a collaborative of 16 nonprofits in the Greater Bethel Area that was founded in 2008. Its mission is to improve the quality of place of the Bethel Area community through the unique assets of its nonprofit organizations; to maximize the potential of the community's education, cultural, environmental, recreation, economic development and health and wellness initiatives; and, to support collaborative initiatives among nonprofits.

For more information about BANC, please contact Amy Scott at amyscott@bethelmaine-nonprofits.org, (207) 357-3189 or go to BANC's website www.bethelmaine-nonprofits.org.

E-mail marketing workshop offered

How to use email marketing effectively and the basics of Constant Contact/MailChimp.

The Western Maine Economic Development Council is pleased to offer a workshop that will help businesses and nonprofits use e-mail to target their customers; create, send, track and manage their e-mails; and grow their e-mail list using Constant Contact and MailChimp e-mail marketing systems. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Bethel Inn, 21 Broad Street, Bethel.

Just having a website and/or a Facebook page is no longer enough, businesses and nonprofits need to remind their customers that they exist. E-mail marketing is low cost, simple, measurable and generates sales for your business or nonprofit. It's one of the easiest and least expensive ways to keep customers and prospects coming back.

The instructor for this workshop is Shannon Kinney with Dream Local Digital in Rockland. Shannon has over 15 years of experience in the development of successful Internet products, sales and marketing strategies. She has worked on the teams developing successful Internet brands such as cars.com, careerbuilder.com, and over 60 online media properties for newspapers all over the U.S. and Canada. Prior to that, she spent over 10 years in media sales and sales management in Maine. She is an experienced speaker, trainer, and consultant, and has worked with small and large companies alike.

Shannon is considered an expert in the field of on-

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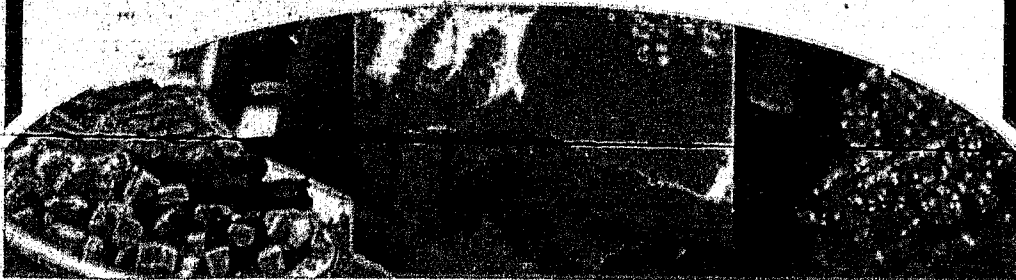
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line marketing and social media, and speaks regularly at conferences on the subject. She serves as an advisor to many established and start-up companies, and local charitable groups such as the Maine Lobster Festival Committee.

The price is \$25 for members of any of the chambers of commerce that serve Oxford County and \$30 for nonprofits and businesses that are not a chamber member. To register for the workshop go to www.wmedc.org and click on WMEDC Events or contact Mia Purcell at the Western Maine Economic Development Council, 739-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org.

Arts Council offers workshop

A free workshop on grants and grant programs in Maine is being offered by the Mahoosuc Arts Council (www.mahoosucarts.org) and the Maine Arts Commission (www.mainearts.com) Feb. 15, 2013.

Arts administrators, board volunteers, directors, artists and anyone wanting to learn more about the grant process for arts and cultural projects in Maine are invited to attend a free morning workshop. Grant opportunities for Maine artists, arts organizations and school programs as well as events and other opportunities being offered by the Maine Arts Commission, a state agency, will also be presented.

Ample time will be provided for questions and answers. Please feel welcome to bring examples of previous proposals, awarded and unsuccessful.

Kathy Ann Shaw, Senior Grants Associate, has of-

fered to stay after the workshop to provide personal consultation on sample grant proposals.

All activities are offered free of charge and include lunch. Registration is required and limited to 12 participants working through six 15-minute segments.

The event will be held in Ordway Hall at Gould Academy on Church Street, Bethel. Lunch is being generously provided by Gould Academy.

For further information on the "Grant Doctor" Workshop, please contact Kathy at (207) 287-2726 or kathy.shaw@maine.gov or Mahoosuc Arts Council Executive Director Aranka Matolcsy at (207) 890-6386 or info@mahoosucarts.org.

WMNF participates in Free Day

In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day the White Mountain National Forest will join with National Forests across the country in waiving fees at all day-use areas on Jan. 21, 2013.

Day use fees will be waived across the White Mountain National Forest. However, fees will remain in effect for overnight camping, cabin rentals, permits, reservations, and activities offered by concessionaires.

Socrates Cafe

A Socrates Café gathering will be held at the Waterford Library on Monday, Feb. 4 from 6:30 to 8:30.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. The group offers

a forum to discuss current topics and ideas in a warm, friendly atmosphere, where divergent views will be welcome. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

The topic for the February meeting will be: "Who controls our ground water?" The moderator is Earl Morse.

For more information call 583-6957.

Auditions for "Serving Up Broadway!!"

Auditions for an original Broadway musical review entitled "Serving Up Broadway!!" The show, which will include one song from the twenty well-known musicals performed biennially in the Oxford Hills since 1974, will take place April 5-6, 2013 in the Mark S. Eastman Auditorium at Oxford Hills High School.

"Serving Up Broadway" is a retrospective tribute to those responsible for, and those who have been a part of, this long-time Oxford Hills tradition. Several original cast members have agreed to reprise their roles. While many of these people still live in Maine, some are coming from Massachusetts, Alabama, and as far away as California.

Casting opportunities call for a full chorus, five male solos, and elementary and middle school choruses. We need the ladies, too! Auditions will take place at OHCHS on Monday, Jan. 28, and Tuesday, Jan. 29. Both nights start at 6:30.

This will be a great opportunity to see old friends reprise roles, and have wonderful voices come together singing the most beloved Broadway tunes. Join us in celebrating almost 40 years of Broadway in the Oxford Hills.



MURPHY EARNS WORLD CUP START-Gould Academy 2010 grad Troy Murphy was one of several USSA freestyle athletes who recently earned a World Cup start for their performances at the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team Selections at Copper Mountain, Colo. In three events Murphy placed first, fourth and seventh, respectively. He will compete in freestyle moguls events at Deer Valley, Utah and Lake Placid, N.Y. Murphy is pictured here in the Copper Mountain competition. (Photo: Kirk Paulsen)

School Lunch

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Wednesday: Chicken patty w/lettuce and tomato on WG bun, green salad, oven fries, banana, or Sunbutter and jelly on WG bread.

Thursday: School-made Mac and Cheese, ham slice, steamed green beans, pickled beets, mixed fruit, or Sunbutter and jelly on WG bread.

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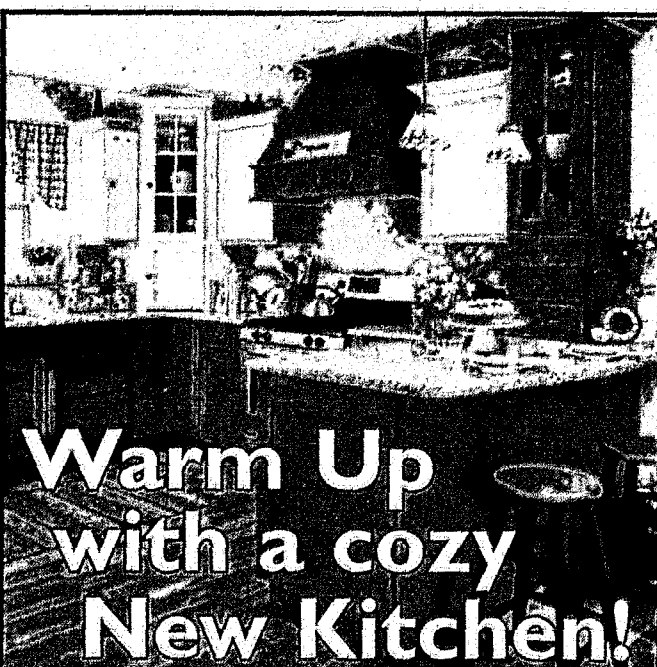
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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Spruce Mountain 67, Telstar 40; Jan. 8 - Telstar stats: Mike DelDuca 22 points, 15 rebounds.

Winthrop 57, Telstar 31; Jan. 9 - Telstar stats: Austin Ryerson 8 points, Mike Dougherty 7 rebounds.

Boothbay 68, Telstar 45; Jan. 11 - Telstar stats: Mike DelDuca 19 points, Maverik Griffin 11, Ricky James 6 rebounds.

High School Girls' J.V. Basketball

Mountain Valley 66, Telstar 17; Dec. 29 - Telstar stats: Tori Ryerson 10 points, Olivia York 3, Hayley Peterson 2, Savanna Pelletier 2.

Oak Hill 43, Telstar 21; Jan. 2 - Telstar stats: Hayley Peterson 6 points, Katie Merrill 6, Annie Cushman 3, Blair Stevens 3, Olivia York 1, Jessie Kelly 1, Dora Pilgrim 1.

Dirigo 52, Telstar 16; Jan. 4 - Telstar stats: Hayley Peterson 5 points, Olivia York 4, Savanna Pelletier 4, Katie Merrill 1, Dora Pilgrim 1.

Spruce Mountain 51, Telstar 16; Jan. 7 - Telstar stats: Hayley Peterson 8 points, Katie Merrill 4, Lexi Hart 2, Maddie Prentice 2.

Telstar 49, Mt. Abram 31; Jan. 14 - Telstar stats: Katie Merrill 13 points, Hayley Peterson 10, Savanna Pelletier 8, Annie Cushman 6, Dora Pilgrim 4, Maddie Prentice 2, Olivia York 2, Jessie Kelly 2, Blair Stevens 2.

High School Alpine Skiing

Giant Slalom Event at Black Mountain; Jan. 4 - The Rebel alpine ski team opened the year with a giant slalom event at Black Mountain. The conditions were great and the course was fast. Since it was the first race of the year, the team set the goal to have fun, finish the course, and not get disqualified. Greg Wheeler and Aaron Speakman both had good runs. Nick Johnson struggled a bit, but Annalise Hawthorne, Anna Tyrina, and Gabrielle Stone did well. "We reached our team goal. We are a very young team, so I don't expect to see any top finishes, but I do expect to see each racer grow as the year goes on," Coach John Eliot.

Slalom at Titcomb; Jan. 9 - The Rebels traveled to Farmington to race their first slalom race of the year at Titcomb Mountain. The course was tough, but it held up for both runs. First time racers Austin Bear and Cameron Rothwell did really well for their first slalom race ever. "We had only one day of training slalom gates before this race, so I wasn't sure how things would go, but everyone did really well," Coach John Eliot.

GS Race at Mt. Abram; Jan. 11 - The alpine team raced a GS race at Mt. Abram Friday night. The course was challenging and the weather didn't cooperate. It rained for a bit, then the temperature dropped and things iced up. It was a good turnout with a lot of racers. The Rebel team performed well, and improvements could already be seen. "Thanks to Fred Cowin for showing up and supporting the team on the mountain. Next race will be a giant slalom at Sunday River Thursday, Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. The best

place to watch the race is right from Barker Lodge," Coach John Eliot.

High School Nordic Skiing

Leavitt Hornet Classic Boys' 5 km Race, Jan. 12 - Telstar stats: 95th Nicholas Johnson 21:58, 104th Liam Gallagher 23:00, 122nd Aaron Speakman 24:24, 152nd Gregory Wheeler 32:29. Team 18th place overall.

Leavitt Hornet Classic Girls' 5 km Race, Jan. 12 - Telstar stats: 26th Carla Boyle-Wight 22:48, 52nd Gabi Stone 24:20, 71st Rachael Wheeler 26:02, 80th Kaitlyn Brown 28:56, 102nd Anneliese Smith 29:00, 103rd Annalise Hawthorne 29:10, 105th Jiran Jintasataporn 29:20, 123rd Aislinn Forbes 32:42, 129th Tabitha Corriveau 49:20. Team 13th place overall.

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 49, St. Dom's 31; Jan. 9 - The Telstar MS Varsity Boys' basketball team won their first game of the season over St. Dom's in a very competitive game! Jarret Bean led the team with 13 points, Tanner Wheeler tossed in 9 points, and Jeremiah Richardson, Brandon Dougherty, and Avery Griffin added 6 points each. An improved effort by the whole team.

TMS Girls' J.V. Basketball

Spruce Mt. 62, Telstar 4; Jan. 7 - Telstar was outmatched against Spruce Mountain but fought hard throughout. Telstar scorers: Hannah Evans 2; Alivia Chappie 2. - Coach David Berry

Mt. Valley 40, Telstar 2; Jan. 10 - Brooke Richardson scored the lone basket as Telstar was outmatched by Mt. Valley. - Coach David Berry

Buckfield 23, Telstar 10; Jan. 11 - Telstar played Buckfield's varsity team and put up a good effort. Telstar scorers: Tiffany Waterhouse 2; Maria Rodrigues 2; Selina Creelman 2; M. Kayla Rice 2; Hannah Evans 1; Annika Mitchell 1. - Coach David Berry

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball

The Bethel Bobcats, Laid Back Installers, and Hotel Rumford all are now 6-1, and remain in that order from first to third place after action this past week. LBI won as the benefit of a forfeit when Black Bear Industries (2-5) couldn't put a five-some together, and the others registered blowout victories.

Bethel Bobcats 89, Archie's 55 - Ryan Savage swarmed and swooped in on Archie's from both an offensive and defensive perspective and finished with three 3-pointers and a total of 27 points. Wade Osgood had 19 points and Matt Zetts had 13 to complement Savage. Archie's was again led by Brett Archibald with 17 points, and Mike Holmquist with 14.

Hotel Rumford 125, Thundercats 39 - Hotel Rumford let up on the Thundercats, and still finished with a lopsided victory. Chris Willer's 31 points (6 threes) and Aaron St. Pierre's 30 points (6 threes) were all the Hotel really needed, but they were assisted by Dan Thibeault's 18 points, Scott New's 15, Craig Milledge's 10, and Andy Shore's 10.

On Sunday, Jan. 20, LBI and Hotel Rumford will break the 6-1 stalemate at 10 a.m. The Hotel won the first outing. At 11:30 a.m., the Thundercats and Archie's battle at the bottom of the standings. At 1 p.m., Black Bear Industries will try to regroup, but has a tough opponent in Bethel to contend with.



The Telstar High and Middle School Music Department's presented their annual winter concert last week. The event was postponed from before Christmas because of snowy weather. Here, the TMS Band performs. (Photo: Tatum Brown)

Church Services

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Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

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Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

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Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellingier, Senior Pastor & Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High

School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays; Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 7 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For info or if you have a prayer request: Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26). Fr. Robert Vaillancourt may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational Church - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer

Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882. **Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor** Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's

Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE MILLS Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sandra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday

School, 9-10 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabus Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary. **Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John** - 125 Main Ave.. The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Week-day Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 986 Prospect Ave. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - Sunday services, 9 a.m., Sept. to June.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship-9:45 a.m.; Sunday School-11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth- 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club)- 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study-7 p.m. Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service. **Pinkhook Meeting House** (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

MAHOOSUC KIDS



Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

Happy New Year! I am pleased to announce that MKA has been awarded a new 21st Century Learning Center grant from the Department of Education in partnership with SAD#44 for the next 5 years. The focus of this grant is for elementary students K-5 in our district. We will be able to offer more enrichment and hands on programs for kids afterschool. We will also be able to add teachers to our afterschool homework labs.

The kids have really enjoyed the snow and warm weather and are spending many afternoons skiing, snowshoeing, and sliding!

With our partners at the Bryant Pond 4-H camp, we are starting a 6 week Geology enrichment at all 3 of the elementary schools. The theater program in the fall was so successful that we are starting up a second spring program this month.

We are happy to have Amanda Jordan from "Kids Create Theater Company" working with kids at WES and CPS.

Stay warm!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



The case of Peggy the Pint-Sized Pirate: Racheal MacKillop, Lily Schofield (Peggy), Ella Tilsley, Madisyn Bean, and Maggie Black, WES play 2012.



Riley Jerome, Adeline Charette, Megan Cox, Nicole Cox, CPS play 2012.



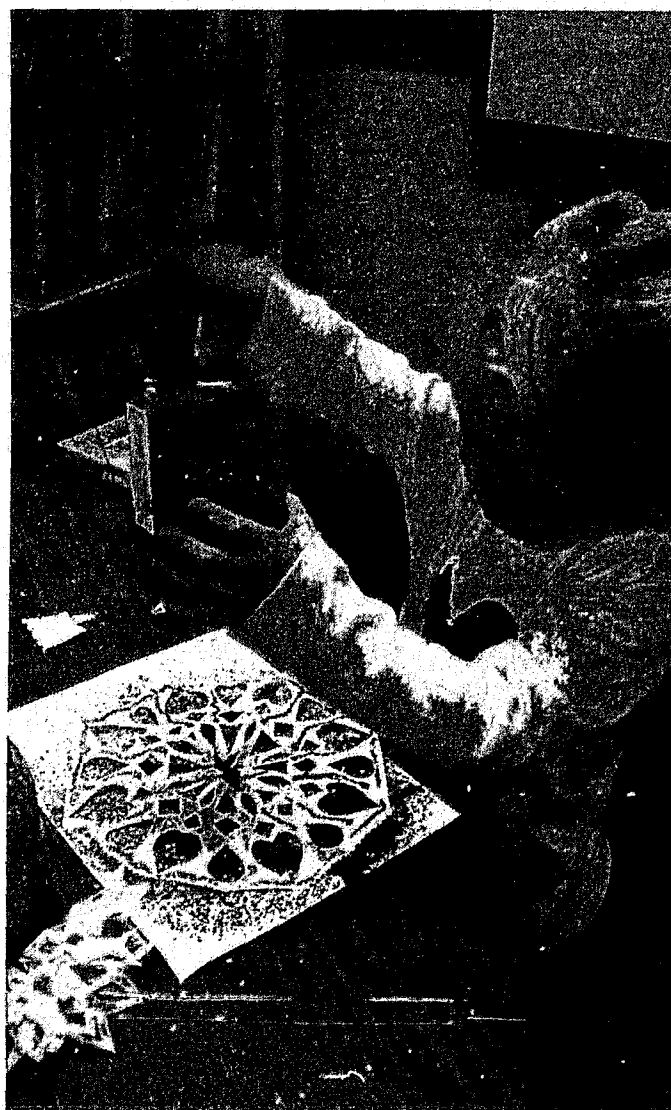
Harrison Kimball sledding.



Bella and Gianna DeVivo.



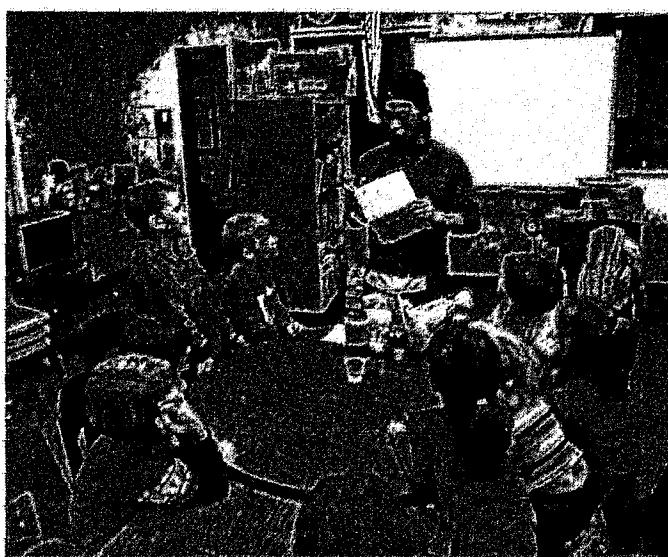
Gang making ice cream in a cooler



Savannah Knight adds glitter to a snowflake.



Noah Kissel and Hiram Towle mix up some Rock Fudge as a part of their Geology lesson.



Yi-Chuan from the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center is teaching the Woodstock students about Geology.



The kids recently enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of sliding!



Warming up with a cup of hot cocoa after an afternoon of playing in the snow!



Bella and Tanner, CPS play 2012.

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Community Calendar

South Paris American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sales, Saturday, Mar. 9 and Saturday, Apr. 6. Contact Jean Britton (739-2236) to reserve a table for \$10.

Thursday, Jan. 17

7 p.m. - **Rainforest Reptile Show**, presented by Black Diamond Entertainment, Grand Summit Hotel, North & South Ballroom. Learn about the largest lizards in the world along with everything else in between. A hands-on learning experience that allows for direct contact with live animals. Ages 5 and under: Free. Children 6 to 12: \$4/advance, \$6/door. Ages 13 and over \$8/advance, \$8/door.

7 p.m. - **Western Maine Chapter SWOAM Meeting** to discuss new timber harvesting standards, Room 118, Oxford Hills High School. Free, open to everyone. FMI: Merle Ring (743-5976).

Friday, Jan. 18

11:45 a.m. - **Hope Association Winter Fashion Show and Glee Club Performance**, Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. FMI: 364-4561.

6 to 8:30 p.m. - **Telstar Middle School Activity Night**, Telstar cafeteria, auditorium, and gym.

7:30 p.m. - **Sunrise with Accompaniment by Cellist, Brent Arnold**, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg. Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/students and seniors (65+). FMI: www.brentarnoldmusic.com.

Saturday, Jan. 19

8:30 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust Winter Hike**, Puzzle Mountain. Strenuous hike requiring snowshoes and poles. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Grafton Loop Trailhead, 4.5 miles north of Bear River Trading Post, Route 26, Newry.

3 p.m. - **Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Eddie Gammon Sr.**, American Legion Hall, Gore Road. \$8/plate, children 6 and under eat free. Donations appreciated. There will be a Dollar Table and 50/50 Raffle. FMI: Jeff and Alisha (890-6909 or 875-5501).

Sunday, Jan. 20

4 p.m. - **Oxford County Democratic Committee**, Crescent Park School Cafeteria, Bethel. Election of officers, reports, collection of food for Day of Service. FMI: Cathy Newell (875-2116).

Monday, Jan. 21

2 to 4 p.m. - **Knit and Chat Group**, Waterford Library. FMI: 583-2050.

6 p.m. - **Class of '73 2013 Reunion Meeting**, Market Square Restaurant, South Paris. FMI: Deven (527-2375).

Tuesdays, Jan. 22, 29, and Feb. 5

10 a.m. - **Senior Citizens' Exercise Classes**, led by Nancy Willard, Whitman Library, Bryant Pond. Stretching and balance, plus some strength exercises are included. All seniors welcome.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

9 a.m. to 12 noon - **Seniors Plus Area Agency on Aging** will be at the Rumford Town office to answer any questions or concerns. All events are free and open to the public. FMI/appointments call 1-800-427-1241.

2:30 p.m. - **Disability Rights and Autism Forum** Presented by Katrina Ringrose, 85 Lincoln Avenue,

Rumford. Gather at Hope Association to discuss service options, issues, barriers and milestones reached by those with intellectual disabilities. FMI call 364-4561 or visit Drcme.org.

Jan. 25, 26, 27

12th New Hampshire Sanctioned & Jackson Invitational Snow Sculpting Competition, Jackson, N.H. Sculpting begins Friday, Jan. 25 with many other events throughout the weekend including a bonfire, scavenger hunt, and more. Interested sculptors or those wishing further details can call (603) 383-9356 or visit www.JacksonNH.com.

Friday, Jan. 25

6 to 8 p.m. - **Dance with DJ "Joe the Music Man"** at 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Donations accepted at the door. FMI call 364-4561.

7 to 8:30 p.m. - **AudioBody**, a fusion of hilarious physical comedy and mind-blowing technology, Leura Hills Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg. Tickets: \$10/children/students, \$15/adults, \$30 Family of 4 Pack (2 adults, 2 children). FMI visit www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or call 935-9232.

Saturday, Jan. 26

10 a.m. - **Bald Pate Snowshoe Hike**. Check in/Registration at the Bald Pate Mountain parking lot by 9:45 a.m. Hikers should wear appropriate winter clothing; bring snacks, water, and snowshoes. FMI: Jon Evans (jon@leit.org) or (647-4352).

5 p.m. - **Moonlight and Starshine Public Supper** to benefit the First Congregational Church, Andover. Casseroles, desserts, and salads. 50/50 raffle and door prize. FMI: Sharon Hutchins (392-4351).

9 p.m. - **Fire & Ice Fashion Show**, Foggy Goggle, Sunday River. New England's top male and female models rock the latest ski, board, and swimwear. Attire complements of stylist Kathy Benharris. No cover charge. Donations to the Sunday River Region Charitable Fund (SRRCF) highly encouraged.

Sunday, Jan. 27

10 a.m. - **Bald Pate Snowshoe Hike**. Check in/Registration at the Bald Pate Mountain parking lot by 9:45 a.m. Hikers should wear appropriate winter clothing; bring snacks, water, and snowshoes. FMI: Jon Evans (jon@leit.org) or (647-4352).

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Nansen Ski Club 2-14 km Nordic Ski Races**, Milan Hill State Park. Dog sledding tours and sledding also available. Parking: Milan Village School. Free shuttle from the school to the state park every 20 minutes. Other activities available in downtown Milan. FMI: www.skiansen.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - **E-mail Marketing Workshop**, offered by the Western Maine Economic Development Council at The Bethel Inn, 21 Broad Street. Cost: \$25/Chamber of Commerce members serving Oxford County, \$30/nonprofits and businesses that are not chamber members. To Register visit www.wmedc.org or contact Mia Purcell (739-6543).

7 p.m. - **In the Blood**, Bingham Auditorium, 45 Church Street, Bethel. The lives and times of Maine's hardy lumbermen and river drivers will be detailed in a

multi-media presentation of film, photos, and music by Sumner McKane. Tickets: \$7/adults and children 13+, \$5/seniors (65+) and children 12 and under.

Saturday, Feb. 2

9 a.m. - **New England Telemark Festival**, Mt. Abram. Clinics, rentals, lessons, demos, and a Telemark only Giant Slalom race event. Giveaways and live music all day.

5 p.m. - **Full Moon Hike**, Mt. Abram. Transportation for your skis and boards provided. Enjoy the hike, and then ski/ride down to the Loose Boots Lounge for live music and great food. \$5 fee for transportation of backpacks and boot bags.

Saturday, Feb. 9

All Day - **Sledding on Snowcano Hill**, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. Bring your own sleds and sled at your own risk. Open to the public.

9 a.m. - **State Line Snowmobile Club Meeting** at the Upton House.

7 p.m. - **First Annual Cause for Laughter** at Mt. Abram. Performances by comedians Kate Carroll, Jordan Handren, and Mike Metevier. Auction, raffle, and 50/50. Proceeds to benefit the "Tucker and Ava Fund." A 21+ event. Admission: \$20. FMI: Kate Carroll (824-2145) or Sue Dunn (838-9808).

Wednesday, Feb. 13

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting**, Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Menu options: Roast beef or Haddock. Contact Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877) with your choice. Price: \$12. Reservations required by Jan. 31.

Thursday, Feb. 14

7 p.m. - **One Billion Rising - Moving Our World. Rise Up and Dance to End Violence**, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Forum.

Saturday, Feb. 16

10 a.m. - **Guided Snowshoe Trek**, Sunday River Valley. Gentle walk featuring naturalist Rick Churchill's observations. Snowshoes necessary. Rentals available. Meet at the Sunday River Inn. Parking across the street.

6:30 p.m. - **Snowcano Eruption**, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. The Snowcano is a bonfire built inside a huge snow pile - when lit, the flames and sparks create a volcano-effect. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, Feb. 23

6 p.m. - **Bethel Winterfest RAILWARS Snowcano Rail Jam**, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. See some of the area's best freestyle skiers and snowboarders show off their best moves under the lights.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

2:30 p.m. - **Autism Forum Presented by Aimee Cecile-DesRoches**, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Gather at Hope Association in pursuit of knowledge about autism spectrum disorders, treatments, and support for Maine children and adults with autism. FMI call 364-4561 or visit Drcme.org.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.-Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.- Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. There is no charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.-Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

First and Third Thursdays of month, 6 p.m.; Bethel Dog Park Committee meets at Mahoosuc Land Trust building. In case of inclement weather, call 836-2100.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.-Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. - Guided One-Hour Walking Tour of Historic Bethel Hill. Meet at bell tower on north end of common. Free but donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908.

Upton

Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m. Ladies Aid Society Breakfasts at the Ladies Aid building, Mill Road, Upton. Breakfasts vary. Cost: Donation.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.-Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.-Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153, or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/ WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across

from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 836-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - SOUPS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **How can you tell the difference between a can of chicken soup and a can of tomato soup?**

- BEAN
- BEET
- CABBAGE
- CARROT
- CELERY ROOT
- CHICKEN
- COCONUT
- CORN
- FISH
- HAM
- KALE
- LEEK
- LENTIL
- MISO
- ONION
- POTATO
- TOMATO
- VEGETABLE
- WONTON

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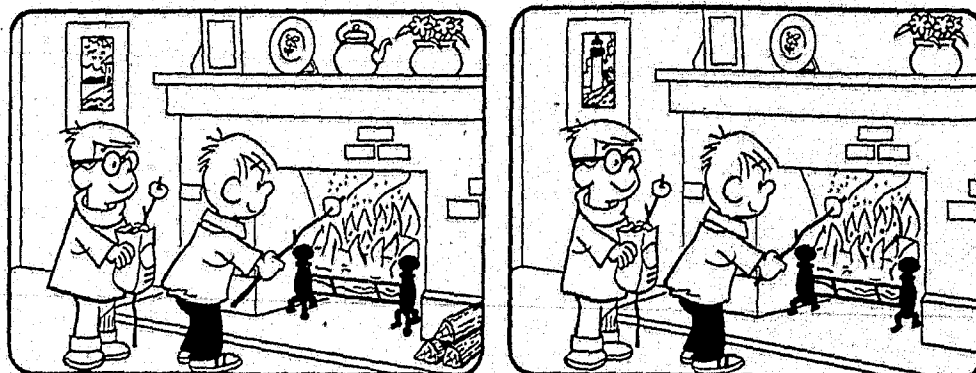
Riddle Answer: _____

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



- Differences:
1. Picture is different. 2. Shirt is narrower. 3. Stick is shorter. 4. Kettle is missing. 5. Andirons are different. 6. Wood is missing.

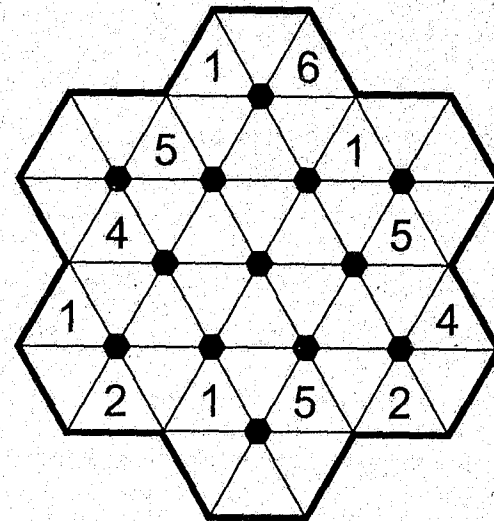
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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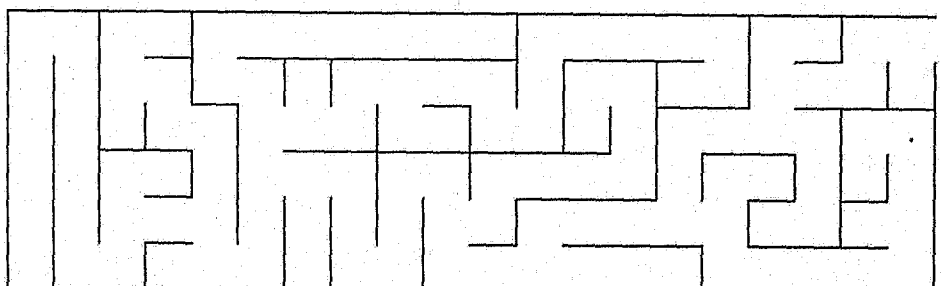
SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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ENADLE

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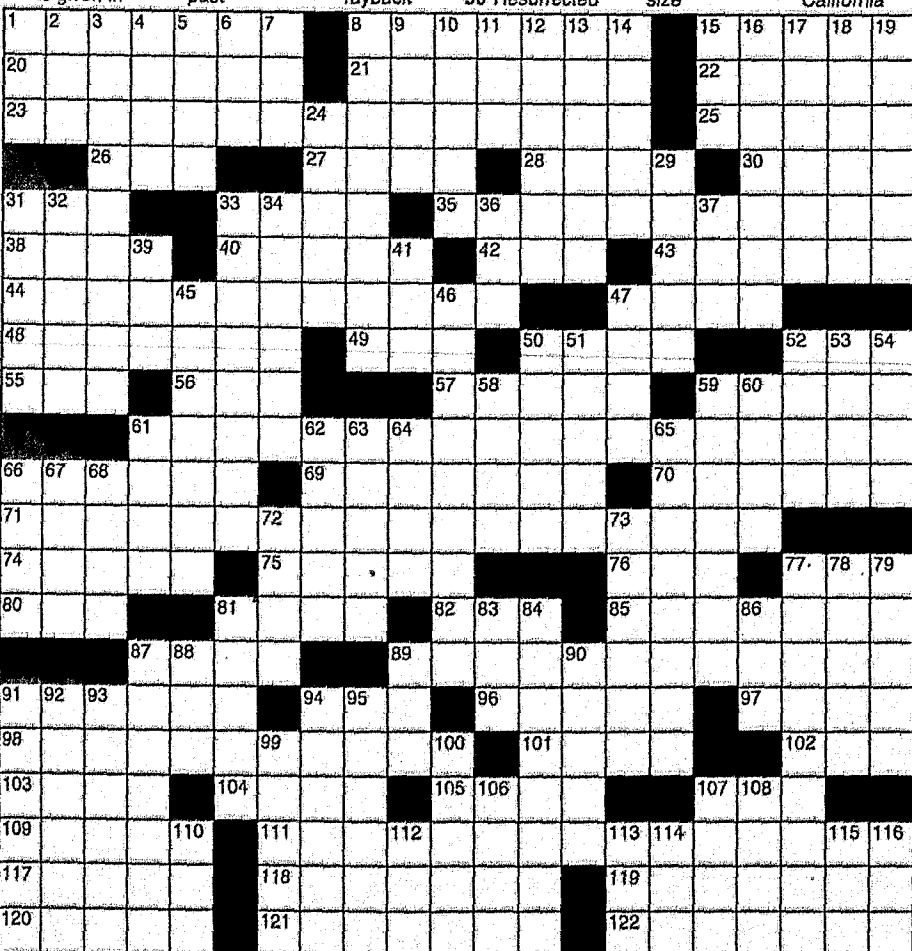


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Super Crossword

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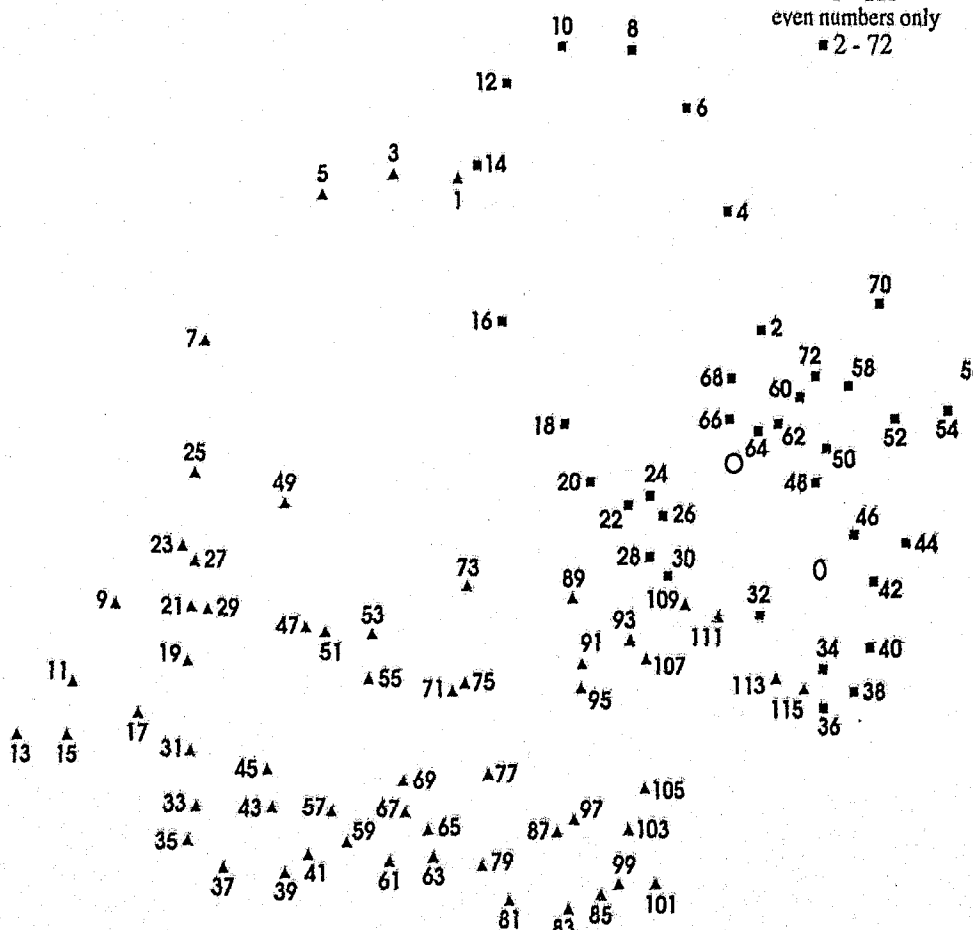
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 - 47 Snow glider
 - 48 Fencer's cry
 - 49 Earth heater
 - 50 Stair support
 - 52 Left-winger, for short
 - 55 — in "November" city
 - 56 Arctic diving bird
 - 57 Bit of magic
 - 59 — apso (terrier type)
 - 61 Terrier type
 - 66 Pilot a plane
 - 69 Sailor
 - 70 Toed the line
 - 71 Histology
 - 74 Stud's game
 - 75 — Miller (opera)
 - 76 7-Down, in France
 - 119 Slightly
 - 120 Waste line
 - 121 Pale lager music
 - 122 12 times per year
 - 80 — as a fox
 - 81 Kitten noise
 - 82 Young kid
 - 85 Michigan/Ontario border river
 - 87 Bit of cotton on a stick
 - 89 Sports group for tykes
 - 91 Like laced puns
 - 94 In times past
 - 96 Esther of "Maude"
 - 97 Pigsty
 - 98 Don Ho hit
 - 101 See 107-Across
 - 102 Neighbor of Mich. and Ill.
 - 103 Use a Kindle
 - 104 Very small battery
 - 105 Suffix with margin
 - 107 With 101-Across, way up a slope
 - 109 Extra Dry deodorant
 - 111 Waterspout climber of song
 - 117 Validate
 - 118 Settle, as an issue
 - 119 Slightly
 - 120 Waste line
 - 121 Pale lager music
 - 122 12 times per year
 - 1 Made in the manner of
 - 2 "King" Cole's first name
 - 3 Points of intersection
 - 4 Radio
 - 5 Fail to use
 - 6 "Alice" actor
 - 7 "That's right!"
 - 8 Motherboard components
 - 9 In — (going nowhere)
 - 10 Word stock, informally
 - 11 Suffix with differ
 - 12 Expresses grief
 - 13 List of typos
 - 14 "I — nap!"
 - 15 — fi lick
 - 16 Did a certain ballroom dance
 - 17 Like nerds
 - 18 Mickey of movies
 - 19 Most minimal
 - 24 Rich dessert
 - 29 Scent
 - 31 Virile guys
 - 32 Ice skater
 - 33 Old Vegas casino
 - 34 Baseballer Irabu or Matsui
 - 36 Feel ill
 - 37 "Toodles!"
 - 39 Sine —
 - 41 T, in Greece
 - 45 Betrayer
 - 46 Complicated
 - 47 Punjabi believer
 - 50 Resurrected
 - 51 Largest city in Ghana
 - 52 Like burns
 - 53 "Oh, so that's it!"
 - 54 Epic poet
 - 58 Actress Sofer
 - 59 Rodents in research
 - 60 — Lewis & the News
 - 61 Filly's mother
 - 62 Love, in Nice
 - 63 Swinelike animal
 - 64 "QB VII" author Leon
 - 65 Dead-end street sign
 - 66 Rock concert
 - 67 Early stringed instrument
 - 68 Nasty
 - 72 Golfing need
 - 73 "Note —"
 - 77 Web site designer's specification
 - 78 Early pope
 - 79 Push
 - 81 City in Italy
 - 83 — the ramparts ...
 - 84 Soda bottle size
 - 86 On the — (hiding out)
 - 87 Use a parachute
 - 88 Fly snarer
 - 89 "The Raven" writer
 - 90 "Fallen" actor Koteas
 - 91 Helmet parts
 - 92 Cardin of fashion
 - 93 Back to back
 - 94 Diminisher
 - 95 Vacant, as a stare
 - 99 1993
 - 100 Costly dark brown fur
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 - 107 Go in circles
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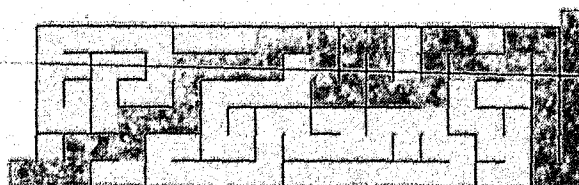
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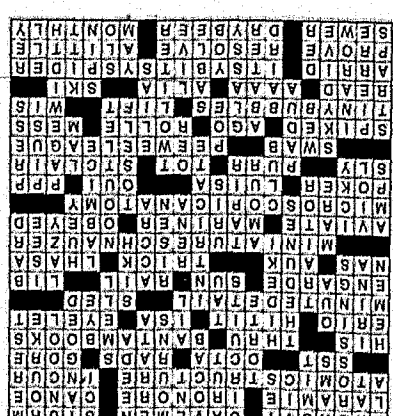
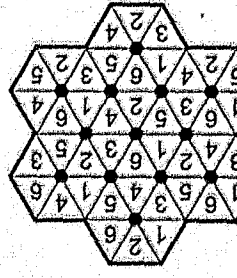
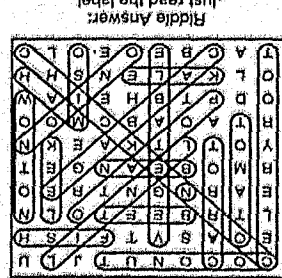


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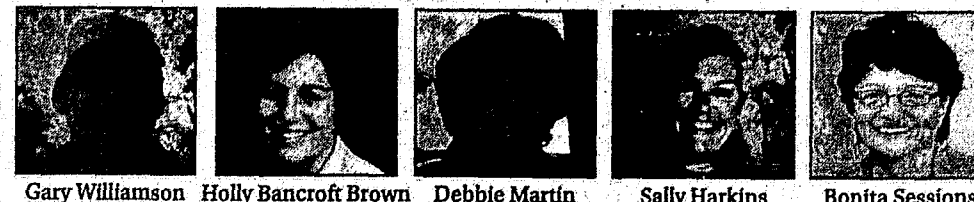
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Obituaries

ERNEST H. BOLIO
Rev. Ernest ("Red") Henry Bolio, 83, of Bryant Pond, went home to be with the Lord on Dec. 18, 2012 at Marshwood Center with family by his side.

He was born in Irvington, N.J., Aug. 23, 1929, the son of Henry T. and Sarah (Luce) Bolio. He graduated from Berwick Academy in 1948 and received his BA degree from Providence-Barrington Bible College in 1954. He also attended Gordon Divinity School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1955-1956.

In June 1958 Ernest married Nadja Prokopovich of Peabody, Mass., at the Russian Baptist Church. They had been happily married for 54 years and raised seven children.

In 1962 he was ordained by the United Baptist Convention of Maine. He served as Pastor at churches in Sabattus, Georgetown, Five Islands, Canton and East Sumner between the years of 1958 to 1975. He was employed by Pioneer Plastics in Auburn from 1975 to his retirement in 1991. He faithfully maintained a radio ministry, The Simple Gospel Broadcast, on various Christian stations since the early 1970s.

He was predeceased by his parents as well as his half sister, Maxine Cormier of Littleton, Mass. He will be greatly missed by his dear wife, Nadja Bolio and son Ernest J. Bolio of Bryant Pond; son, Eric Bolio and wife An-

nette of Fieldale, Va.; son, Bruce Bolio and wife Sandra of King, N.C.; daughter, Brenda Gora of Milford, Maine; daughter, Hunee Ebbrecht and husband Steve of Maspeth, N.Y.; daughter, Glori Murphy and husband Greg of South Portland, Maine; daughter, Jaimee Mishler and husband Mike of Fairfax, Va.; and all 16 grandchildren.

Red loved to laugh, work in his gardens and enjoyed time with his family. Online condolences may be shared at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

A memorial service will be planned in the spring of 2013.



MADELENE J. HUNT
Madeline J. Hunt of Albany Township passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013, at Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice House in Auburn.

Madeline was born Oct. 31, 1924 on Bird Hill, Locke Mills, the daughter of Ansel and Georgia Jordan.

She attended Locke Mills school and graduated from

Gould Academy in 1942. She married Frank A. Hunt Jr. and they had two children, Diane and David, and lived in Bethel.

Madeline was a member of the Locke Mills Union Church, and in younger years a member of the choir, also a lifetime member of the order of Eastern Star Mt. Zircon 142 Chapter. Formerly the Purity Chapter of Bethel.

In early years she worked at Echo Wood Products, then many years as homemaker returning to work at 52 and retiring 10 years later after working in local restaurants.

She loved watching birds and other animals "on the Farm" as she would say as she sat in her chair at the window.

Her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane Hunt and a son, David Hunt and wife Roberta all of Albany Township. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Sheena Hunt and her fiancé Adam Dumont of Gilead and Shawn Hunt of California; great-grandchildren Destiny and Dominic Dumont; a niece, Helvi Cary of Bryant Pond; a nephew, Nestor Ruokolainen and wife Rachel of West Paris; and two very special friends, Eleanor Brooks and Beverly Melville.

She was predeceased by her parents and a sister, Ethelyn Ruokolainen; and her estranged husband, Frank A. Hunt Jr.

Services will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, at 1 p.m. at the Locke Mills Union Church. Interment will be in the spring.

IVA E. YATES

Iva E. Yates, 94, died at Market Square Health Care Center in South Paris on Monday, Jan. 7, 2013.

She was born in Woodstock, Oct. 19, 1918, the daughter of Hannah Emmons Yates and Lendall Bishop Yates. Lendall died while the family lived in Yarmouth, as he was the proprietor of a general store there. After his death in 1924, her mother, Hannah, took the girls to live with her sister, Lucy and her husband, Ralph Richardson in Norway.

She was a 1936 graduate of Norway High School. Iva had also lived briefly in Manchester, N.H., during her young adulthood and for four years in Lisbon Falls.

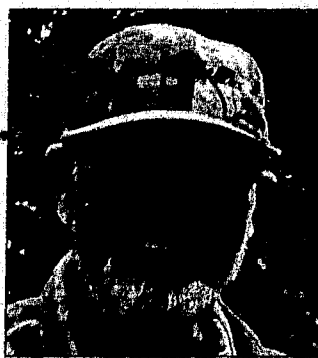
A resident of Norway for many years, she worked at the Norway Shoe Shop with her sister, Laura for a few years, until she became unable to work due to her health. Although she had no children of her own, Iva spent many a day caring for her niece, Sue Anne Tyler York, who passed away in 2011, and then her grandniece, Johannah. Iva was a devoted fan of Elvis Presley. She loved all God's creatures, but was especially fond of cats and cared for many ferret cats, as well as wild animals throughout her lifetime.

She leaves a grandniece, Johannah York of North Conway, N.H.; several cousins; and her neighbor, Mike McLeod.

She was a loving sister to Ona Yates Tyler and Laura Yates, both of whom predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her longtime companion, Marcel H. Martin in 2011.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Graveside services will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations in Iva's memory may be made to the ASPCA or your local animal shelter.



WALTER E. APPLEBY JR.

Walter Everett Appleby Jr. (Joe Pete) died on Jan. 9, 2013 at his home.

He was born in Woodstock, on July 22, 1929 the second oldest son to Walter and Evelyn Appleby of Woodstock.

He attended the church school which is now called Forestdale on Perkins Valley Road in Woodstock. He received his diploma in 1947 at West Paris High School.

He spent most of his career working with his father in the family business of "Appleby's Plumbing and Heating." Throughout his life he had a variety of other places he worked as well: Penley's, Timm Pond Cabins, Maurice Benson, LaVerdiere's, and Flagging.

He had a simple philosophy to life: If you are awake you should be having fun. Everyone who knew him usually walked away with a smile. He was an avid outdoorsman from a young age starting out by joining the 4H Club and raising chickens. He was a member of the Snowmobile Club, Coon Hunters Club, Union Cemetery Assoc., and Maine Sporting Dogs Assoc.

Whatever he was doing in life you can be sure that his love of nature wasn't far behind. He will forever be in our hearts especially the fisherman in him and his heartfelt enthusiasm he had spinning his tales.

He was predeceased by his loving wife, Laurene Buck Appleby. He is survived by his sisters, Cleo Ryerson of Woodstock

and Betty Jean Estabrook of Lisbon; by all six of his children, Walter E. Appleby III of Woodstock, Pamela Dow of Lewiston, Patricia Stevens of Sumner, Linda Smith of West Paris, Lolita Grass of Limington, and Danielle Appleby of Rumford. Joe Pete also leaves 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Woodstock S.D.A. Church at Perkins Valley Road in Woodstock on Jan. 13, 2013 with Pastor Greg Carlson officiating.

Memorials in Joe Pete's memory may be made to assist with funeral costs, donations above and beyond the cost of the funeral will be donated to the Woodstock S.D.A. Church food pantry at 25 Perkins Valley Road, Bryant Pond, Me. 04219.

Arrangements were by Cliff Gray Cremation & Funeral Services, 60 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.

Births

Trista Monn and Matthew Zetts of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Miley Mae Zetts, born on Dec. 29, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Gerald and Angel Monn of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Andy Zetts of San Diego, Calif., and Mary Holibeak of Richmond, Va.

Our little one joins her sister, Morgan Olivia Zetts, 17.

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Approximate dimensions of Lone Pine Road: 3150' long x 18' wide.
2. Sunday River Road: From Skiway Road intersection to Monkey Brook Road intersection; Provide necessary engineering, layout and construction with 3/4" lift of MDOT 9.5mm mix, overlay with a 1" lift of MDOT 9.5mm mix, place shoulder backing material.
Approximate dimensions of Sunday River Road segment: 6288' long x 24' wide.
These projects shall meet the requirements of the contract, which includes portions of the most recent edition of the MAINE DOT Standard Specifications.
Bid, contract information and bid forms can be obtained from the Newry Town Office, Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 5 pm.
Bid Opening: Monday February 4, 2013, 4:30 pm.
The Town may accept or reject any and all bids.
Each Bidder, before submitting an offer, shall become completely familiar with the required work and shall rely on their own investigation. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to provide accurate measurements for bid purposes. The Municipal Representative will be available to have the sites proposed for paving inspected. No consideration will be granted for any alleged misunderstanding of the material to be furnished, the work to be done, or for any defects in the final product that are the result of the absence of pre-inspection of the sites.
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